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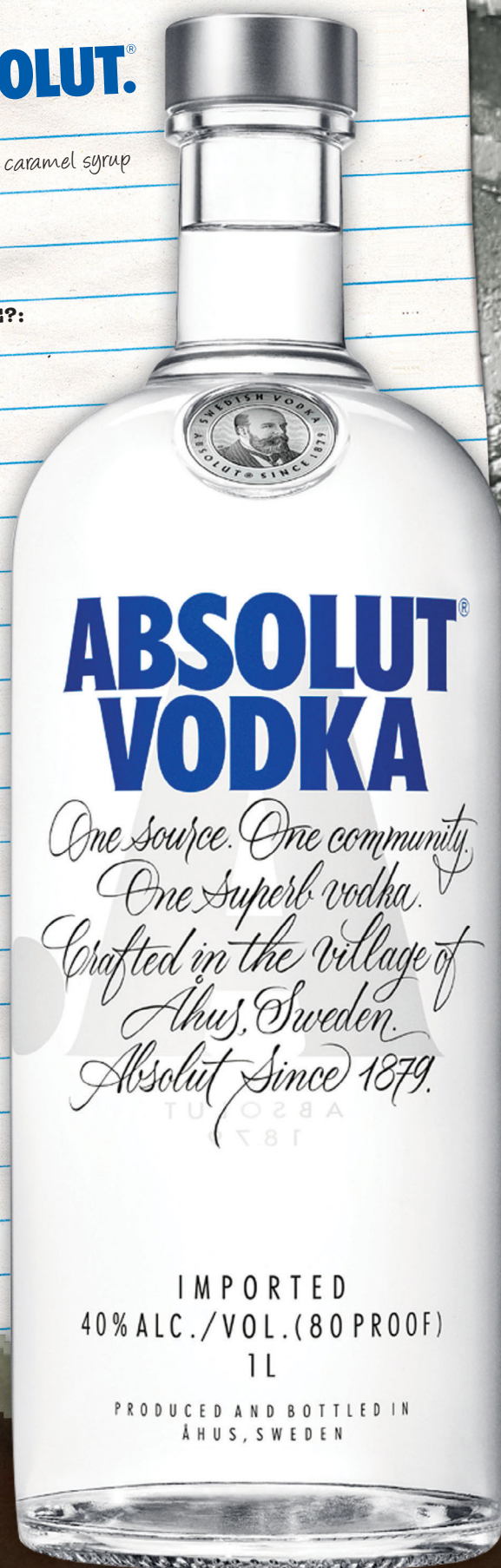
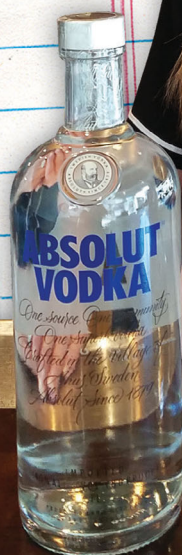
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So while Republicans in Congress scramble for a solution after braying from the sidelines for six years, their first visit might be to UnitedHealth HQ in suburban Minneapolis. It's where they'll find all that ails us.

"This is simply  
a plot for him  
to eat the leftover  
gay wedding cakes.  
Nicely played,  
Rep. Quam."

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# ATTACK OF THE RED TAPE

State Rep. Duane Quam wants to heavily regulate... the way you ride a bicycle?

So there's that phrase, "It's like riding a bike."

You're familiar? The whole point of it is that sitting on a seat and pedaling around is a fairly simple activity, one most people essentially master as a child and never really lose.

There's at least one man who thinks a lot of us never learned in the first place. In fact, there is precisely one: Rep. Duane Quam (R-Byron).

He introduced a bill in the Minnesota House that has no co-authors. That means this is a proposal that Duane Quam supports and, so far, not one of the other 200 legislators thinks is a good idea.

Let's find out why.

Quam's bill calls for the creation of an "urban bicycle lane use permit," essentially creating an official, state-run system of certifying and regulating the use of a bicycle — the skinny little thing Mark Twain pedaled

around on a century ago.

The bill would force riders to complete a "bicycle safety education program" through the Department of Public Safety, pay a \$5 fee, and register his or her bicycle with the state. For Quam, a guy who always favors small government and less interference, the idea of subjecting tens of thousands of people to oversight sounds like an excellent way to create lots of paperwork, a pile of bureaucratic jobs, and interminable lines of sweaty people at DPS offices.

The proposal goes on to specify minimum requirements for said cycling safety course:

- (1) the legal requirements governing operation of a bicycle, including traffic regulations under chapter 169 that apply to the operation of bicycles;
- (2) best practices for the safe operation of a bicycle on public roadways;
- (3) recommended and required bicycle safety equipment;
- (4) riding skills and



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collision-avoidance techniques; and (5) any other information the commissioner deems necessary to ensure the safe operation of bicycles.

"Any other information" like, perhaps, the warning that a certain outstate legislator will be driving in and around St. Paul for several months each year, and riders would be well advised to steer the hell clear of his vehicle.

As for penalties, "urban" riders who are caught using lanes without a permit will

be deported to Amsterdam, Stockholm, or Copenhagen. Just kidding. That provision will be added in a subsequent amendment.

To be fair to Quam, he has lots of ideas, and they can't all be good ones. At this early stage in the session, when most members of the House have introduced fewer than 10 bills, Quam is by far the most prolific, chief author of 31 proposals and counting.

Maybe there ought to be some sort of "education program" before you get to write a bill. —MIKE MULLEN

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# Portrait of an Execution

Who owns a dark moment in Minnesota history?

**T**he bloodiest chapter in Minnesota history is written on a balance sheet, a simple matter of debts and repayment.

Schemes by the U.S. government plunged the Dakota Sioux permanently into arrears, bleeding them of land and resources. Treaties carved great swaths of tribal land down to a 10-mile wide reservation in southern Minnesota, a humble wedge unbefitting hunting nomads.

Side deals put most treaty money in the pockets of fur traders. The remainder let the Sioux eke out a humiliating existence on the government dole. In the summer of 1862, those payments were late and the Natives were starving. They found no sympathy from the white man. Eat grass, one said.

A few weeks later, his body was found riddled with arrows, tufts of grass stuffed in his mouth.

The Sioux had cause to make war. None summed it up better than the influential Shakopee, who convinced a reluctant Chief Little Crow, pointing to a lobbyist who'd skimmed tens of thousands of dollars of the tribe's payments.

"The money for the land goes to Hugh Tyler," Shakopee said, "and no Dakota knows who Hugh Tyler is. The annuity does not come. Some say it will never come again. If it does, the white man will say it is his and take it away."

If the Dakota could not regain their land, they could at least extract reimbursement in blood.

And so they did, first surprising unprepared soldiers, then marauding through settlements, slaying hundreds of civilians, most of them unarmed.

An overwhelming U.S. Army force quelled the uprising a month later. Three hundred Dakota combatants were hustled through sham military tribunals and sentenced to death. The intervention of President Abraham Lincoln convinced local authorities to hang only 38 men; this was done the day after Christmas, the largest mass execution in American history.

Shakopee and another leader, Medicine Bottle, fled to Canada, where Americans put a bounty on their heads. A year later, they were drugged, captured, strapped to sleds, and shipped back across the border. The \$1,000 tab owed to their kidnappers was paid by the Minnesota Legislature.

On November 11, 1865, Shakopee and Medicine Bottle were hanged at Fort Snelling before a crowd of 400-some military men and an even larger crowd of curious civilians, among them Joel Emmons Whitney, a St. Paul businessman and avid photographer.

Whitney captured the moment: two hooded figures suspended in midair, framed on one side by top-hatted executioners, dolled-up onlookers on the other. Their coffins lie open below them.

It's a haunting image. And it can be yours for \$5,000.

A listing on eBay offers a "nice UNUSED REAL PHOTO" of one of the "RAREST OF THE RARE IMAGES of the SIOUX UPRISING."

The seller is Paul Ostlie, who grew up in Montevideo and caught the history bug from his mother. After heavy rains, young Paul and his brother would scour their farm for arrowheads and other artifacts.

Now a retired dentist living in Iowa,

Ostlie's started a "second career" as a collector, trader, and seller of historical artifacts.

He admits some have a "visceral reaction" to seeing his photo, a 1910 reprint of Whitney's original. He's not one of them. "To me, graphic photos show history going on."

An informed viewer must see the Dakota conflict "from both sides," he says. The Sioux were "getting the short end of the stick." In retaliation, they went too far.

Shakopee and Medicine Bottle "were 100 percent implicated in the atrocities, active parts in brutally killing people. I hate to say it, but I don't see any real major moral issue against what was done to these two."

There's some dispute on this. Shakopee and Medicine Bottle were tried and convicted by the very military men who'd fought against them, and on the hearsay of witnesses — white and Native — who acknowledged they'd never seen either man kill anyone.

A St. Paul Pioneer Press editorial on the eve of their hanging said the men probably were guilty, but "no white man, tried before his peers" would be hanged on such flimsy proof. "About the only admirable element in the whole course of the cases was the serene and dignified behavior of the chiefs in their last hour."

Shakopee knew the score. Informed of his sentence, he said, "I can die whenever the white man wishes."

Gwen Westerman, a Dakota author and English professor at Minnesota State, Mankato, can't say whether the executions were justified. But she has reached a verdict on Ostlie's eBay sale.



**Mike Mullen**

"There are descendants of those men alive today," she says. "How would someone selling an image like that address those descendants?"

Besides, the same image can be bought for "a lot less than \$5,000" through the Minnesota Historical Society. (A 16 x 21 reprint goes for \$30.)

Ostlie's confident the price is right. A few months ago, an Ohio auction house sold one of the few remaining originals for just under \$20,000.

The image belongs in a museum, Westerman says, where the painful moment can be dealt with "sensitively, with respect."

Ostlie says it "would be nice" if a museum bought the piece, though he'd also sell to a private collector who "appreciates" the history it captures.

This would all make a certain dark sense to Shakopee and Medicine Bottle. It was government greed that drove them to war, and a bounty that delivered them to their deaths.

That they might still be for sale would come as no surprise. They would expect someone, somewhere, to be trying to make money. That was the America they knew. **MF**

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# BOB MONAHAN

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## THE MUSIC MAYOR

**IN THE BATTLE** to make Duluth cool, Bob Monahan is on the offensive.

His hometown's music scene needed an advocate, as small cities do. So he launched Chaperone Records. Local bands needed a dedicated venue, so he opened the Red Herring Lounge.

"I sort of sometimes feel as though I'm keeping the dream alive — that big things are possible, that a bona fide music venue can exist here, which is still an extreme struggle," the 38-year-old entrepreneur says. "That's what I set out to do: to give our scene some backbone, at least on a regional level."

Monahan's enthusiasm is infectious, and it's shared by a small cadre of Duluth businesses — Bent Paddle Brewing Co., Vikre Distillery, and Duluth Coffee Co. among them — determined to make their city a destination for young people.

Monahan, armed with some savings and "wacky ideas," created Chaperone in 2012 to promote acts like Retribution Gospel Choir, Southwire, and Charlie Parr.

He wanted the label to spotlight "undeniable"

regional talent, especially since "Duluth will always sort of feel in the shadow of Minneapolis."

Monahan plotted his next move during walks to Chaperone's former downtown office above the Electric Fetus. He was

**"I SOMETIMES FEEL AS  
THOUGH I'M KEEPING  
THE DREAM ALIVE."**

frustrated with the "dehumanizing" process of booking concerts in the Twin Ports, so he began eyeballing potential spaces for a new kind of music hall.

"I kept seeing this building and I was like, 'Man, that would be the spot,'" he

remembers. "I was finally like, 'I need to buy this fucking building.'"

In 2012, Monahan cold-called the owner of a space that once housed the storied Rocket Bar and hammered out a \$40,000 deal.

"It was rotten — it almost felt like a cave," he says of the 5,000-square-foot brick and wood structure built in 1886. "We literally took everything out."

Monahan began the \$240,000 renovation process, with initial aspirations for a fresh fish restaurant/concert venue. That plan died when a contractor quoted the project at a half-million dollars.

Enter Plan B: the Red Herring Lounge. The bar debuted in 2014 with a three-night opening party featuring 19 bands, something of a precursor to Monahan's Super Big Block Parties, which annually draw 1,000

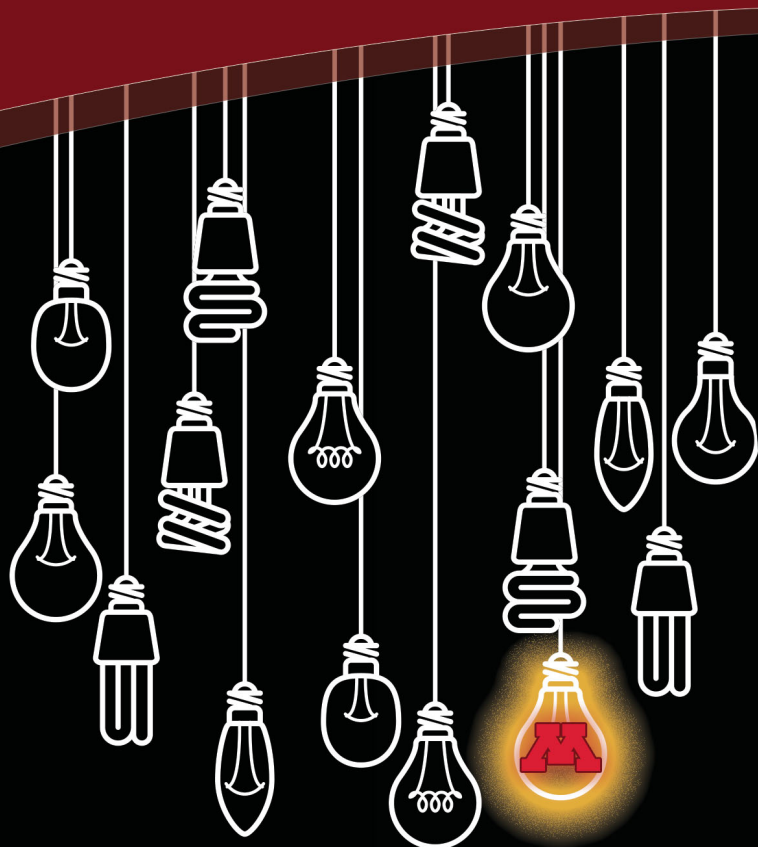
attendees to the Herring. The lounge's offerings are diverse, from singer-songwriters to punk bands to EDM. Former '90s teen heartthrob Aaron Carter even played the 300-capacity room last year.

"It's not the only place in town. We just happen to be doing it better, in some ways, and we're just more dedicated to it," Monahan says. "It takes every resource, all my imagination and energy, just to make it go."

And the Herring is going, with concerts booked through April and a locally sourced pop-up restaurant beginning service later this month. Monahan, who balances his de facto role as Duluth's music mayor with raising a teenage daughter, is realistic about his town's rising cultural cachet.

"We all believe that great things are in store," he says of his likeminded crusaders, "but change comes slow." —JAY BOLLER





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# PATRICK STEPHENSON

**PATRICK STEPHENSON** brings people together with bikes.

In 2010, he and some friends came up with a simple idea: What if they committed to riding a bike every day for 30 days? They decided to give it a go. Stephenson set up a website with co-founder Zach Schaap. And 30 Days of Biking was born.

The first year, around 300 people from all over the globe signed up. Tour de France winner Greg LeMond even tweeted his support.

“The response was stunning,” Stephenson says. “We set the tone by making it about joyfulness.”

Using the hashtag #30daysofbiking, participants could follow each other on Twitter. “The idea was that you could click on this marker and see what everyone was saying, and have this feeling of unity and community because everyone was talking about the same thing.”

Stephenson and his team, which has grown to 10 to 15 volunteers, want to make biking joyful and accessible to all. In 2014, they decided to work with Free Bikes for Kidz. For every 30 pledges, they would donate a bike to the organization, which provides bicycles to kids in need.

“When you set yourself a goal, it’s scary,” he says. “But you have to get that money. It gave a new urgency to it. Not only are we biking together, but we’re passing bikes forward to kids who need them — the next generation of bikers.”

They ended up donating about 500 bikes.

Stephenson has also worked with World Bicycle Relief, which provides buffalo bikes — hearty commuter machines used by adults — to people

in Third World countries. They ended up raising \$5,000.

Some 9,000 people joined 30 Days of Biking last year. In 2017, Stephenson and his crew hope to ramp up that number to 15,000.

In the meantime, Stephenson spreads bike love year-round with his Joyful Riders Club, a monthly riding group where he and 30 Days cohort Mario Macaruso lead a slow-roll, friendly ride. Past destinations have included dance nights, beach bonfires, and brewpubs.

“The moment that really struck me about the post-Thanksgiving ride was when we were biking back from the beach and everyone’s bike lights were trailing up the path,” he says. “I thought, ‘This is fun that we created ourselves. It feels magical.’ No institutional sponsors put this together. It didn’t require much. We just said, ‘Meet here and we’ll bike to this place and bike back.’”

This year’s 30 Days kicks off with a group ride on April 1.

“I think what’s really powerful is that idea of a shared experience. We’re doing this together. We’re in this together.... You might already bike every day in April, but the fact that we’re doing this together makes it more powerful.”

—JESSICA ARMBRUSTER

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**“WHEN WE GET** something good, we want to keep it that way. It comes from being hunted,” says Yia Vang, a chef determined to bring Hmong cooking out of the home and into the restaurant.

An ethnic minority in China, the Hmong were forced to live as nomads in the remote mountains of China, Laos, Vietnam, and Thailand. “Nobody wanted us,” Vang says. So they moved constantly, rarely staying put for more than a year at a time.

With no land to call their own, or a chance to create a distinctive cuisine, they made do with whatever they could, sharing with neighboring clans, taking influence from everywhere, with the ultimate goal of just staying alive.

As a result, Hmong cuisine is a perfect repository for adaptation. Vang’s dish of seasonal vegetables with bamboo shoots, pork belly, and red coconut curry topped

with tater tots is as Hmong as anything. “Hmong food isn’t a type of food. It’s a way of food,” he says.

When the topic turns to cooking, Vang’s speech turns rapid, his hands flailing. Dancing eyes seem to disappear above a full-body smile. “Something strange happens to your heart when you start thinking about these stories. I’m sorry, but I can get very passionate about this.”

But it’s not necessarily cooking that makes the young chef so passionate. Not really. “If I was gifted with writing, I’d tell stories through writing. If I was gifted with painting, I’d tell stories through that.” He just happens to be gifted at cooking.

Vang disdained Hmong cooking as a child, thanks to the teasing he suffered due to the fermented greens and chicken on the bone in his lunchbox. “But every dish has a narrative, and if you follow the narrative closely enough, eventually you get to the people.”

The people: Vang is among more than 60,000 Hmong who call Minnesota home, many having arrived as refugees. And though the largest urban Hmong population in the world is here, the culture and food remain esoteric to most Twin Citians.

Vang’s Union Kitchen, a catering company, pop-up outfit, restaurant-in-the-making, and “teaching kitchen,” is poised to pull back

the veil on that mystery, to show the world how amazing fermented greens can be.

Hmong aren’t prone to drawing attention to themselves, for their culinary contributions or otherwise. But through “the table,” as Vang calls it, there is always friendship, bonding, and understanding.

“Being a person of color, this is a great time for us. Food is an open door to get a part of that pop-culture conversation.”

He’s not trying to make Hmong food fancy. “Hmong food is about as un-fancy as it gets. It’s like, how do you make sweatpants fancy? You don’t. But you can embrace it. You can put on your button-down with your sweatpants and go to the party.” —MECCA BOS

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# BRADY STARKEY

**EVIDENCE OF THE HUMBLEST** dynasty in college sports is encased in glass just off Hamline Avenue in St. Paul. National championship trophies are wedged in a case far too small to handle the volume. And they won't stop coming.

The architect of these triumphs does not come in the expected flavors of the successful collegiate coach. He's neither saccharine salesman nor blustery sociopath. He is soft of voice, a bit sheepish, clearly reticent to be speaking of himself.

**"WE JUST PUSH  
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NEVER DONE  
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He's Brady Starkey, coach of Concordia University's women's volleyball team, winner of eight Division II national championships in the past 10 years.

This is an unlikely place to build an empire. The school is an afterthought to most Minnesotans, stuffed between factories and freeway in central St. Paul, enveloped by a neighborhood that's seen better days.

In the beginning, the team was just as inauspicious. They were too small, and Division II allows for only eight full-time scholarships, not enough to complete a roster. So Starkey recruited bright young women who could win academic scholarships.

## THE DYNASTY BUILDER

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"When you get smart kids, they already have a work ethic because they want to get good grades," he says. Thus began the ascent.

"It started with the kinds of kids we were getting. They were incredibly hard-working. They kind of built the culture."

That culture would begin to attract bigger, more talented players. The order of the day would be relentless improvement. "We just push our kids. You're never done getting better. We try to push them until the moment they leave."

As the championships mounted, Starkey found himself behind the wheel of the

perfect sporting machine. It was a team that would out-smart you, out-work you, and wouldn't fall prey to the ingredients of self-combustion like ego and jealousy.

"These kids are such exceptional people. We don't have any problems, any drama."

You don't win eight national titles without the bigger fish noticing. More prestigious schools have come calling, wondering if the coach might be willing to transport his winning ways to their teams. He's not moving.

Starkey was raised in south Minneapolis. His extended family is here. His daughters,

12 and 13, are thriving in Lakeville. This is where he truly parts company with star coaches of the college ranks: He is not one to put his own ambitions above the needs of others.

"For me to take them away from that," he says of his daughters, "that would be selfish of me."

Besides, the tiny school in St. Paul can offer something more than money or acclaim.

"It's always so cool to see how unbelievably confident they are when they leave," he says of his players. "That's the one thing that hooked me the most." —PETE KOTZ



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# LYNNE BENGSTON

**“WHAT AM I DOING** with my life?” Lynne Bengston asked herself as she walked to the downtown Target.

At the time, she was making bank as a concert promoter. Bill Cosby was in town. The comedian’s contract specified that all his accommodations be stocked with Charmin toilet paper. No exceptions.

Bengston was dispatched to appease the fickle comedian’s sensibilities. “As I was walking to get Bill Cosby Charmin toilet paper, I knew this can’t be my life anymore.”

Bengston’s real passion was dogs. She’d been among a band of people who headed south after Hurricane Katrina. The volunteers rescued dogs by the dozens from the deluged streets. They placed them with foster families, then helped to match the forsaken with permanent adoptive homes.

The experience convinced Bengston she could do one better. She wanted fewer dogs to go into shelters in the first place.

So she carpet-bombed the inboxes of animal shelters, humane societies, and rescue groups nationwide. She was proposing a partnership.

“We said we’d help them with spay and neuter, and we’d transport the dogs out of there and try to do some education within the local community,” says Bengston. “The goal was within five years, we could bring the [dog population of the] local area into balance.”

It would take 10.

Safe Hands Rescue began in 2006 with

an email. It came from a shelter in Harlan County, Kentucky, where 98 percent of the dogs were euthanized. The message contained a photo of a dog named Goldberg, a shepherd at the shelter. Bengston couldn’t shake the sadness she saw in Goldberg’s eyes.

“The shelter said if you can figure out a way to get him there, you can have him,” she says. “Which started the thinking: If we were going to Kentucky for one dog, why not get a van and get as many as possible?”

Goldberg, plus 31 other canines, arrived in Minneapolis on that first trip. The white van has been rolling back and forth from the South ever since.

Bengston’s nonprofit makes three to four rescue trips to shelters in Kentucky every year. Every two weeks in the intervening months, Safe Hands contracts with a service to drive halfway to a drop off point, where even more dogs are handed off for the trip north. Bengston’s Minneapolis duplex serves as the rescue’s intake facility.

Vets examine each new arrival that’s soon matched with a foster. Safe Hands regularly hosts people and dog meet-and-greets. Wannabe owners within a 60-mile radius of the Twin Cities are screened and vetted before they’re allowed to adopt.

Last year, 723 Kentucky dogs found homes through Safe Hands. That brings the total number of adoptees to 5,000-plus. And at the two Kentucky shelters that provide the dogs, the euthanization rates have dropped to about 10 percent. —CORY ZUROWSKI



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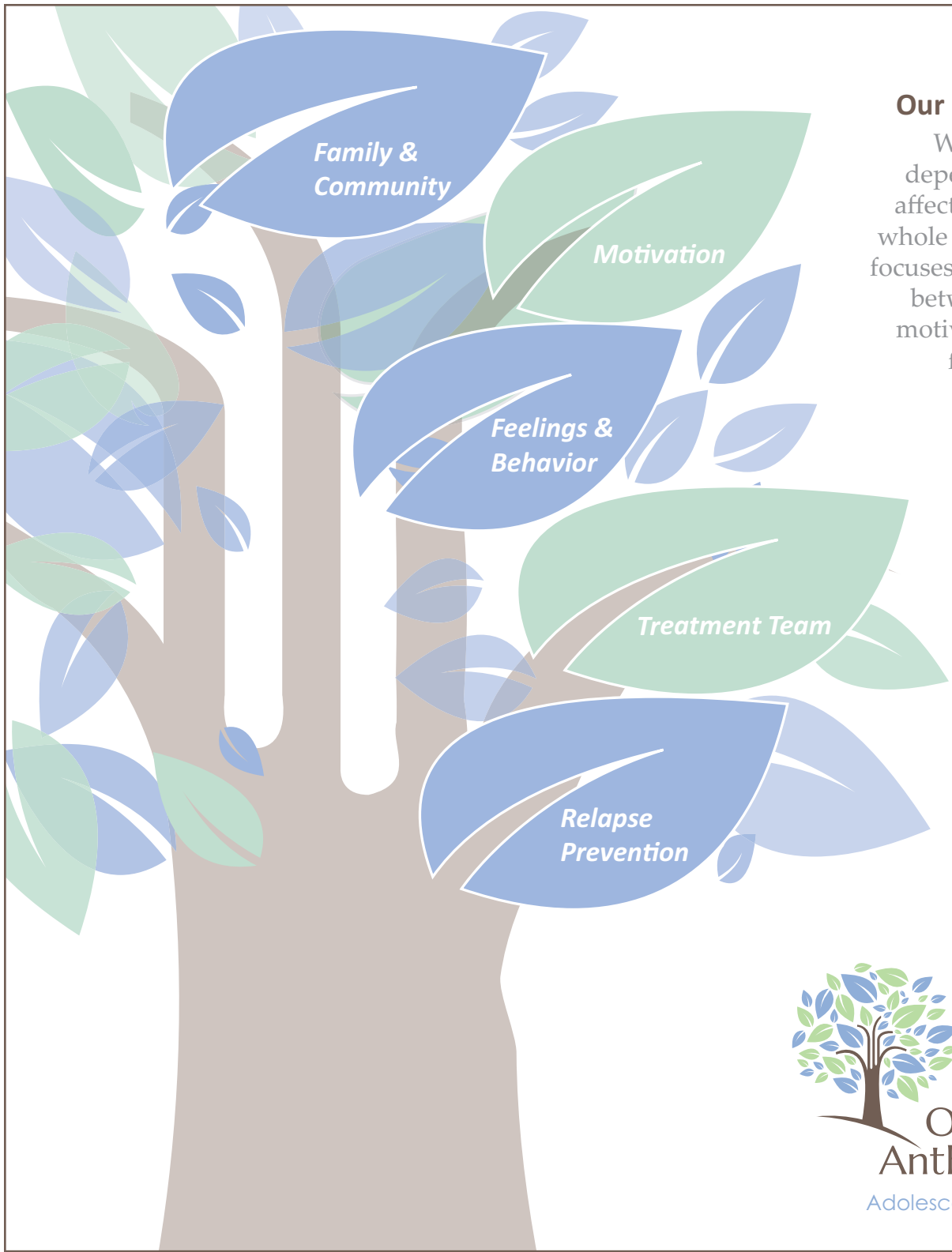
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# ROY HERNANDEZ- COTTER

**ROY HERNANDEZ-COTTER** sees the suspect flee out a door, knife in hand, and has a split-second decision. Help his fallen partner or give chase?

He runs out the door, radioing for a medic to help his wounded colleague. Gun drawn, Hernandez-Cotter sprints up to and around a corner — where the man with the knife is waiting and leaps at him.

Hernandez-Cotter is fine, uninjured except for his ego. This was a simulation, a test. He has failed.

He's not a cop. He's a bartender. Soon he'll be both.

For the past two years, Hernandez-Cotter has spent his days getting a law enforcement degree from Minneapolis Community and Technical College, and his nights serving sake and sushi at Kyatchi in south Minneapolis.

Hernandez-Cotter previously considered working as an audio engineer and a train conductor, attending school for both. He also had a brief stint stocking shelves overnight with Target — “the most depressing job.” Now he's behind Kyatchi's bar five nights a week, a proficient one-man crew, hands firing like pistons as they grab and shuttle glasses, plates, checks, menus, all while remaining a vision of calm as he thanks customers who say they enjoyed their meal and their time with him.

“I don't know a lot of other people in their daily lives get that genuine appreciation,” Hernandez-Cotter says, “and you can have it multiple times in a night.”

Here's who really doesn't get that: cops. Since he started studying law enforcement, Hernandez-Cotter has heard numerous friends — “people I like,” he says — make wisecracks about how soon he'll be beating up suspects and shooting unarmed black people. It's a line of joking he doesn't let get off the ground. Not if they expect to remain friends.

At 34, Hernandez-Cotter was considerably older than most of his classmates in the MCTC course. Some of the younger guys were “hot-heads” or talked shit about others behind their backs.

“I felt I had more patience than some,” he says.

Said patience has lately been used to explain his career choice to his parents. Neither side of the family has a law enforcement history: His mom's an accountant, his father a Mexican immigrant who came



## THE RECRUIT

COLIN MICHAEL SIMMONS

north with nothing and spent decades working for Medtronic.

“My dad has a real aversion to the existence of firearms, which I completely understand,” Hernandez-Cotter says.

Some friends are more appreciative, telling him they've had bad experiences with cops before. They think his peaceful

demeanor and thoughtful approach would be a welcome fit for a police uniform. They hope he can help change people's perceptions.

That's a lot of pressure. At stake is much more than how much he'll get in tips.

Says Hernandez-Cotter: “That's OK. I'll take it.” —MIKE MULLEN

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**THREE YEARS AGO**, University of Minnesota professor Bin He developed a brain-controlled drone.

Engineering students across the country now build them for fun, and He's got a brain-controlled robot arm that can be wielded through the power of thought. A student guinea pig wearing a cap outfitted with sensors tracking the brain's electrical impulses need only imagine moving the arm, and the arm complies.

He describes the innovation in practiced layman's terms. Imagine you need to locate a small ship in a storm, but there's a heavy dome of bad weather over the ocean. How are you supposed to pick up the rescue signals? His challenge was to develop a technology to pinpoint the brain's electrical signals so perfectly that specific commands can be decoded through the thick plates of skull and hair.

The even-keeled professor is humbly expository when he talks about his groundbreaking achievement. He only becomes flushed when he imagines its possibilities.

There are several large classes of patients whose lives could change with further development of robot limbs: people with spinal cord injuries, stroke patients whose brains require rehab, and amputees who have lost body parts to war. He's robot arm represents the hope of regaining full ability and independence.

He's discoveries are just the latest in a 30-year career in pushing boundaries, which

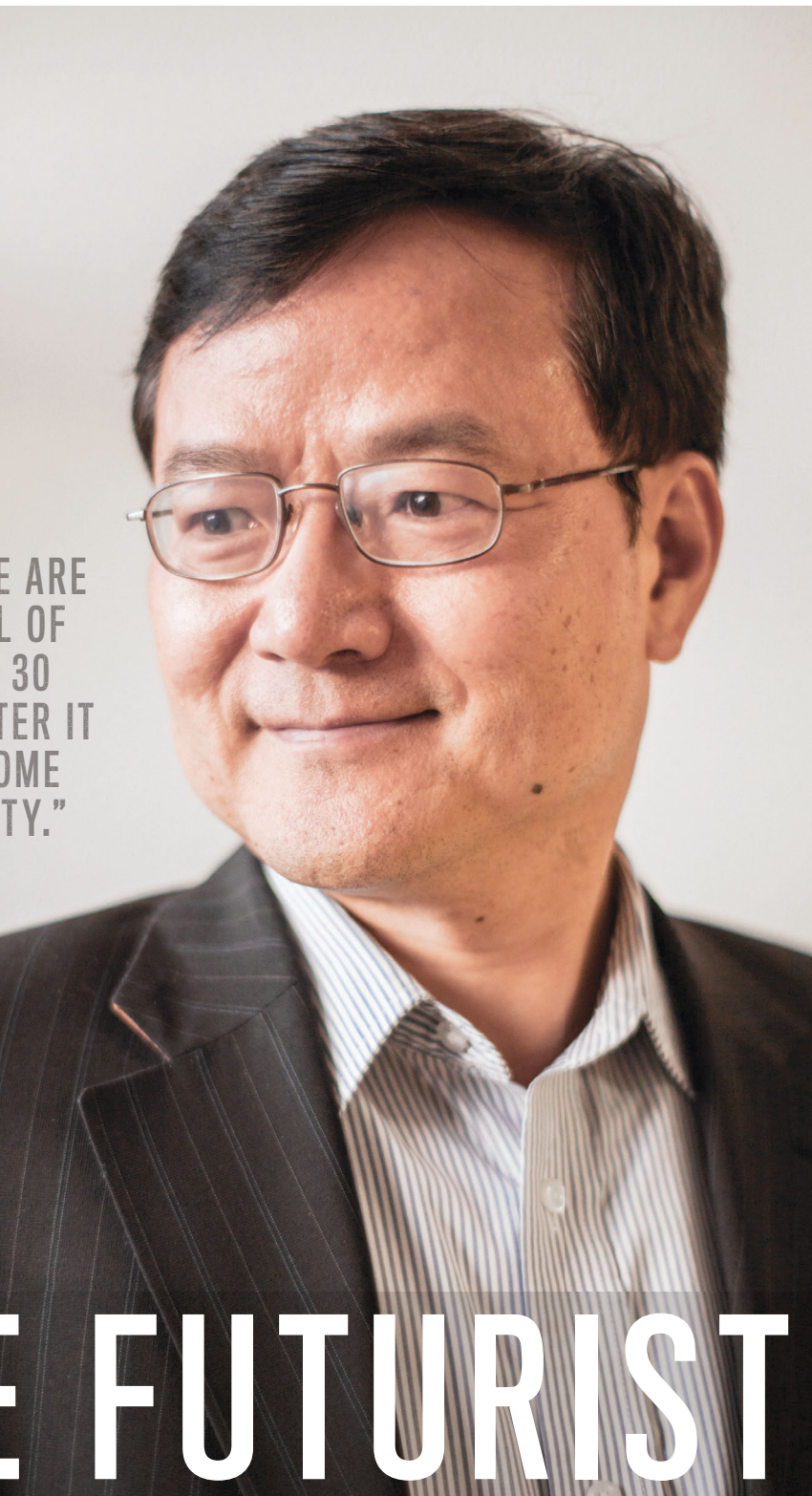
began when he was a high schooler in China, reading about an MIT professor's pioneering research of the brain's magnetic field in Science magazine. The idea that humans could pick up a tiny magnetic signal generated by the brain blew his mind. He was convinced that exciting things were happening in the United States.

Thirty years later, He is already dreaming

"A LOT OF THINGS WE ARE SKEPTICAL OF NOW, AND 30 YEARS LATER IT WILL BECOME THE REALITY."

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lights on and off.

"A lot of things we are skeptical of now, and 30 years later it will become the reality," He says. "Every project I train a team of students to tackle the cutting-edge research, to learn things by doing things that have never been done before. It's not to teach them knowledge, but really to teach them the capability to discover knowledge." —SUSAN DU

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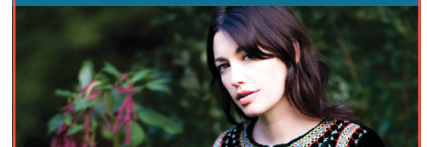
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# KATHLEEN CULHANE

**NEVER DOUBT** Kathleen Culhane's commitment to craft beer.

"I have literal blood in this place; this place is my dreams personified," Sidhe Brewing Co.'s owner/brewer says, gesturing toward a scar acquired while building the taproom. "I sold plasma to buy equipment to build a small pilot brewery in my basement, so I bled for my art."

Opened in 2015, the unpretentious St. Paul bar is a labor of love from Minnesota's most interesting beer maker.

"I'm a chemist by training, a microbiologist by experience, and a welder by hobby," says Culhane, who's also a transgender woman and practicing Wiccan, "so when I say I built everything you see here, I did."

Culhane, 51, was working as a contractor for 3M when she decided to pour herself into craft beer. Empowered by the Surly Bill, the native South Dakotan cashed out her retirement fund, crowd-funded \$5,000, and signed a lease in the Payne-Phalen neighborhood, where she's lived or worked since 2002.

Culhane's "absolute insane focus on the quality of the beer" was honed via 20 years of home brewing. The recipes flowing at Sidhe (pronounced "she") are deliberately approachable, and they're rooted in a devotion to empiricism.

"I'm a born experimentalist and an analytical chemist by trade, so I document everything. If you can't reproduce it, it's not real, it didn't happen. I'm not comfortable making a beer on randomness."

Less scientific are the ritual Wiccan blessings bestowed upon the taproom, a process she says drives out "the ickies" — negativity, bad energy — and encourages camaraderie ("can't hurt"). Inspired by

the Irish pub model, Sidhe exudes warm, neighborhood-y vibes. A towering stack of board games lends a church basement feel, as does the emphasis on families and dogs. The stage regularly hosts music, plus comedy, drag, and burlesque shows.

Payne Reliever, the flagship Bohemian pilsner, is a winking nod to Payne Avenue's long-shuttered and notorious biker bar/strip joint of the same name.

"If you mention the name to anyone around you, they giggle, then they buy the beer," Culhane says. "We're very sex-

positive here and we also really acknowledge the history of east St. Paul."

The rest of the beer list, like the bar itself, is egalitarian. You'll find, among others, the Barking Cat Belgian, the Dark Moon Rising dry stout, and just one IPA (Culhane bemoans "American hop abuse").

"I make beer that's approachable on purpose — I don't do big hop. I don't do overwhelming anything. I don't do weirdness," Culhane says. "What I do are solid, recognizable craft styles that wouldn't be intimidating to your Bud Light drinker that

walks in for the first time. This product is for everyone."

With her current two-barrel system, Culhane runs the smallest production brewery in Minnesota, but perhaps not for long. She's preparing to relocate to a new, larger, and "considerably better" location somewhere in St. Paul, with a new brand name and a crowdfunding campaign coming soon. Expect Sidhe's principled spirit of inclusivity to remain unchanged — "You can have a dick here, just don't be one," Culhane quips. —JAY BOLLER



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# GWEN JORGENSEN

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## THE OLYMPIAN



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**WHEN SHE CROSSED** the finish line, a sinewy 5-foot-10 Gwen Jorgensen stretched the colorful banner between her hands before breaking down into sobs. She had just become the first American woman to win Olympic gold in the triathlon.

An hour and 56 minutes earlier, she stood on a beach of Copacabana in Rio de Janeiro, flanked by 54 of the world's elite

female triathletes. At 30 years old, and a relative newcomer to the sport, she was about to muscle through the most grueling triad of physical activity: swimming 0.93 miles, biking 25 miles, running 6.2 miles.

It's possible she was thinking of her grandfather Stanley, the first person she believed when he suggested she could become an Olympian someday. Or per-

haps she was considering the nine months of training, the dedication of her husband Patrick, the support of her coach and her family. Maybe she was just ready to suffer.

"I love suffering," Jorgensen says. "Not everyone can push beyond those limits when everything in your mind and body is working against you to stop and rest, but I thrive off of those moments."

Back home in St. Paul, Jorgensen wakes up and rides her bike to one of the many nearby coffee shops to catch up on the kind of work that doesn't involve drills and sprints. Though

her training diet is the protein-packed health food you would expect (eggs, oatmeal, yogurt, peanut butter), Jorgensen says she and her husband, Patrick, love to explore new restaurants in the cities, as well as old favorites like Punch Pizza and Izzy's Ice Cream.

"I have traveled all over the world and can say that the Twin Cities tends to be

highly underrated as a city for having great food," she says.

Not that she gets much time to explore: Between "various sponsor obligations and speaking engagements, I have yet to be in my St. Paul home for longer than five days in a row."

Instead, the former Ernst & Young tax accountant spends her days swimming, running, and biking. Before the Rio Olympics, she lived three-quarters of the year in Australia and Spain, following the warm weather for training.

Which isn't to say Jorgensen doesn't struggle with motivation as much as the next person.

"There are a lot of days when I don't even want to get out of bed. But then I remember all those invested in me — my husband and coach and family support — and then I get motivated to train. I'm stubborn and believe I can always get more out of myself."

When the punishing workouts stop, and Jorgensen looks for a welcoming spot to land, Minnesota is home. She might even stick around for a bit while she tackles her next big goal.

"I would like to start a family," she says. "Winning the Olympics was a goal, but my dream is to have a family." —HANNAH SAYLE



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# JAMES FIELDS



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**JAMES FIELDS PLAYS** chauffeur. On winter mornings, sleepy hockey players are greeted at the curb by his naturally caffeinated smile so Fields can drive them to DinoMights practice at Minnehaha Academy.

On the ice, the 25-year-old drapes his arm over the shoulder of a frustrated player. Fields promises the youngster that if he keeps sweating, that if he loves hockey, it'll reciprocate.

He would know. Fields played for DinoMights. Advertised as "Hockey in the Hood," the nonprofit caters to Minneapolis kids in the Phillips, Powderhorn, and Central neighborhoods. It uses the sport as a vehicle for empowerment.

DinoMights shaped Fields, who would become a staffer. For a young boy, it gifted a trinity of truths: fun, love, hard work. But Fields doesn't just preach. He lives it.

Founded in 1995, DinoMights outfits players with gear and covers ice-time expenses. Most of its players would never play hockey otherwise. The kids also have access to academic tutors. The threads of spiritual awareness and living through good deeds connect everything. In this case, hockey serves as the medium for physical well-being. It's a classroom for life. Private donations and grants fund 80 percent of the roughly \$300,000 annual costs.

The kids aren't merely Fields' job, says volunteer David Cole. Their struggles are his struggles, their successes the same. Fields avails himself 24/7. If a player is in need of extra coaching, he's there. If life's stresses are bringing a player down and he's in need of a trusting ear, Fields is there.

"James has such positive energy, both on and off the ice," Cole says. "On top of that, he's been through it. He understands where they are at this point in their journeys, and works with them in all facets of their lives by giving them a tremendous amount of love."

Amen.

When Fields was a kid, his mom, Phyllis, couldn't always be around. The single parent of three was at work providing. A lack of cash meant the family sometimes bounced from apartment to apartment.

Fields couldn't skate when he started as a DinoMight. He kept at it. Hockey taught him that hard work pays off.

"Playing for DinoMights, I felt like I belonged," he says. "It taught me to be a man."

DinoMights served almost 400 kids last year. Its players have a high school graduation rate of 85 percent.

"If I can affect these kids in any way," says Fields, "it's to show them they can do any hard thing in life, whether it's being a good player or graduating high school. Pretty much everything that was given to me, I want to recycle back."

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# FUE LEE

**FUE LEE WAS TOO** young to get what was going on. All he knew was his dad was important.

As a child growing up in poor neighborhoods of north Minneapolis, Lee remembers his home was often filled with people he barely knew. They were usually angry.

Only later did he learn that as leader of the Lee clan — which Fue says numbers in the hundreds in the United States alone — his father was tasked with mediating internal disputes.

This familial authority meant a lot to Lee's immediate family, who got by on government support and lived in housing projects. His first taste of expendable income didn't come until his teenage years, when he got a job scooping cookies at a North Side bakery through a nonprofit for kids with no prior work experience.

Lee sucked the marrow out of what he recognized as a "networking opportunity," and saved his earnings to buy new threads. By his senior year at Patrick Henry High, he was wearing a suit and tie to school at least three days a week.

"Any of my high school colleagues would probably tell you I was one of the better dressers in school," he says. "I wanted to present a professional look."

Lee intended to use that professionalism to help his neighborhood, having seen inequality's wounds up close. He interned with DFL Congressman Keith Ellison and worked on the city council campaign that saw Blong Yang become the first Hmong-American elected in Minneapolis. It was that year that Lee realized some politicians took their constituents for granted and didn't put in the effort to engage.

Lee had just graduated from Carleton College. He plotted his next move. In 2016,



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he challenged longtime DFL incumbent Rep. Joe Mullery, a risky move in a party that often tells its young hopefuls to wait their turn.

Lee tapped his family's connections in the tight-knit Hmong community to meet people and raise funds, and retraced the steps he'd taken to help get Yang elected. He comfortably ousted Mullery in the primary with 55 percent of the vote.

Recently, Lee's aunt died, and his father and uncle told stories of crossing the Mekong River from Laos to Thailand as children, a desperate attempt to escape fallout from the United States pulling out of the Vietnam War. His father lived in Thai refugee camps for 15 years. In the late 1980s, he had a chance to move his family to the United States, but balked after "fear-mongering" from people who warned him about the

evil that awaited him in this country.

The next chance came in 1992, and this one he didn't pass up. Fue Lee was just a baby then. He hopes now to prove the fear-mongering wrong.

"The politicians I grew up on, like Keith Ellison and Barack Obama, have said if you see inequity, you can't just complain about it," Lee says. "You have to do something." —MIKE MULLEN



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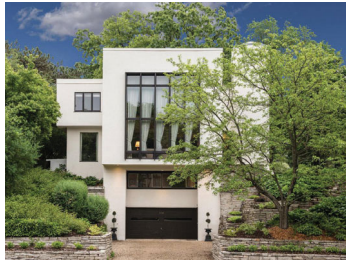
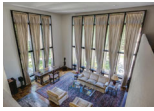
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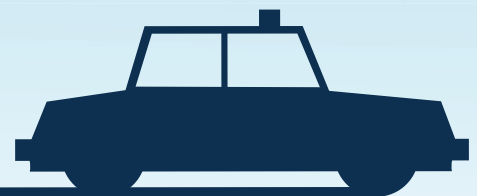


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# TODD AXTELL

**ST. PAUL CHIEF** of Police Todd Axtell didn't know what kind of cop he would be until he started working the beat.

One night, as he and another officer were out on patrol, they encountered a man who was "intoxicated and down on his luck." As the other officer looked for the man's identification, he tossed papers from the man's wallet on the ground. The officer then turned to walk back to his squad car and left the items for the drunk man to pick up.

Axtell stayed. He bent down and scooped up the bits of paper, handing them back to the man sitting on the steps. It was a small gesture, a minute among hours of patrolling, but it stuck with him.

"From that moment on in my career, I knew how incredibly important it was to treat people with respect," he says.

Now, sitting in his stately corner office, Chief Axtell runs the oldest police organization in Minnesota.

"That [experience] has really driven me in my entire career. Today more than ever in police agencies, we have to serve with respect," says Axtell, who knew he wanted to be a cop for as long as he can remember. His grandfather was an officer in the tiny town of Silver Bay on Lake Superior. "He was well respected. He was kind."

The city — even the country — saw Axtell's philosophy play out last November. A video was released of Frank Baker,

an innocent St. Paul man, being mauled by a police canine. Axtell did something relatively unprecedented for a police chief: He apologized.

"This is where law enforcement has historically struggled," says Axtell. "Having the tendency to not own our mistakes when they happen.... What we did with the Frank Baker incident was making sure that officers observed from their police chief that it's okay to apologize when you're wrong. That's how you change culture."

Earlier that summer, when a cyclist scolded Axtell on camera for passing him too closely on a narrow St. Paul street, Axtell pulled over to a parking lot to listen to the biker and offer him a business card. The exchange, also caught on camera, shows an even-tempered Axtell explaining that he didn't mean to pass so closely and thanking the cyclist.

"Watching the results of staying steadfast to the respect philosophy, it's just paid dividends in every corner of my career," Axtell says. "And it doesn't just apply to when I work. It applies to how I interact with my family, my friends, and my community." —HANNAH SAYLE

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## THE MERRYMAKER

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**REGAN SMITH** and her merry trio of friends want to help you get in touch with your inner child. Just not the way you'd expect.

Imagine: Two teams are playing Capture the Flag in the park on a hot summer afternoon. They're running around on the grass, shouting and laughing with glee. After the game, they will crack open beers.

Welcome to the Grown-Up Club. While these happenings are for adults and usually entail beer, they're centered on the joyful elements of childhood. There are old-school yard games, crafty evenings coloring, LEGO nights at brew pubs, and show-and-tell sharing sessions. (One event encouraged participants to bring in art they had created while stoned.)

The group was founded by Taylor Baldry. "He wanted to start a group that was doing events that were kinda ridiculous and primarily participatory," says Smith (pictured at right with Baldry, center, and Tim Lovett). "There weren't that many happenings where

you could go and do something hands-on and be an active participant rather than a passive audience member."

The Grown-Up Club began in 2013, the brainchild of Baldry and Victoria Nohl. A year later, Lovett and Smith signed on. Together, they bring simple joys to grown-ups who often forget they need such a thing.

"Generally, we try to do events that first and foremost make us laugh, like the 'poo emoji' meetup," says Smith of a recent gathering where folks bedazzled turd-shaped ornaments with hot glue and glitter. "We thought, 'We want to do some holiday crafting thing. This year was pretty shitty. Why don't we make poo emojis?'"

Some events are cozy gatherings of 25 to 30. Others, such as the Casual Science Fair, have attracted as many as 350 people.

The events "bring up that nostalgia that people really connect to," says Smith. "You don't really get to do that weird stuff any-

more, because it feels like when you're an adult generally most of the ways you spend your time needs to have an express purpose."

This year, the trio plan to bring more innocent joy to bars and parks near you. Last weekend Sisyphus Brewing hosted Tryorama, a diorama fair and competition. They're also continuing the Singles Exchange, a slightly more grown-up night where friends try to hook up their single friends by giving PowerPoint presentations on them.

"We're not trying to be OKCupid. There's no algorithm or science to it," she says. "It's really just an opportunity to a) get creative in making the PowerPoint presentation, and b) to celebrate your friends."

The more ridiculous the concept, the better.

"There are a million 'go and network and meet people events,' but there aren't a million making poo emojis events," says Smith. "We try to do things that we aren't seeing other people doing." —JESSICA ARMBRUSTER

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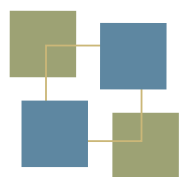
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## THE HUMANITARIAN

**FOR SOME PRO ATHLETES**, finding the same gratification off the field as on it proves a challenge. But for Minnesota Vikings tight end Kyle Rudolph, his charity work for the University of Minnesota Masonic Children’s Hospital is as enriching as anything on the gridiron.

Ever since his younger brother underwent successful chemotherapy treatment for neuroblastoma, Rudolph has been determined to do whatever he can to brighten the days of ailing kids — and make life easier for their families.

He was a natural fit for the team’s 30-year partnership with the Children’s Hospital, and eventually began leading the Vikings’ annual Holiday Huddle with his wife, Jordan. The event features current and former Vikings, who provide dinner, gifts, autographs, photos — whatever they can do to bring some cheer to kids who need an emotional lift while spending the holidays in the hospital.

“I get way more out of it than the kids we visit,” Rudolph says. “They are such great inspiration, and always seem to put reality in perspective.... You can impact people’s lives with the simplest of gestures, and a five-minute room visit can make a kid’s entire stay in the hospital.”

Rudolph also organized a Trip to the North Pole event this Christmas for more than two dozen patients and their families, sending them by private jet for a visit to Santa’s toy shop, complete with elves and reindeer. “It was a huge success, and one of my most favorite events that I’ve ever been to or hosted.”

He’s also looking forward to the opening of Kyle Rudolph’s End Zone. It will be an entertainment and play area at the Children’s Hospital, designed to provide a space where kids can momentarily forget about their illnesses.

“We wanted to create a space where they can just be kids,” Rudolph says. “I’ve personally made sure that this will be one of the best spaces any children’s hospital in the country has to offer. And I want it to stay that way for years to come.

“I have really embraced the Twin Cities community as home, and it has embraced my wife Jordan and now our twin daughters,” says Rudolph. “We want to do all we can to impact the community as much as possible in a positive way.” —ERIK THOMPSON



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# SUMER SPIKA

**SUMER SPIKA** could do something else with her life for a lot more money, but she doesn't.

The 37-year-old mother of four is a home care worker. She cares for a deaf 10-year-old girl after school, taking her to taekwondo, interpreting for her among friends, and keeping a sharp eye while she eats because of the girl's tendency to swallow funny and aspirate food into her lungs.

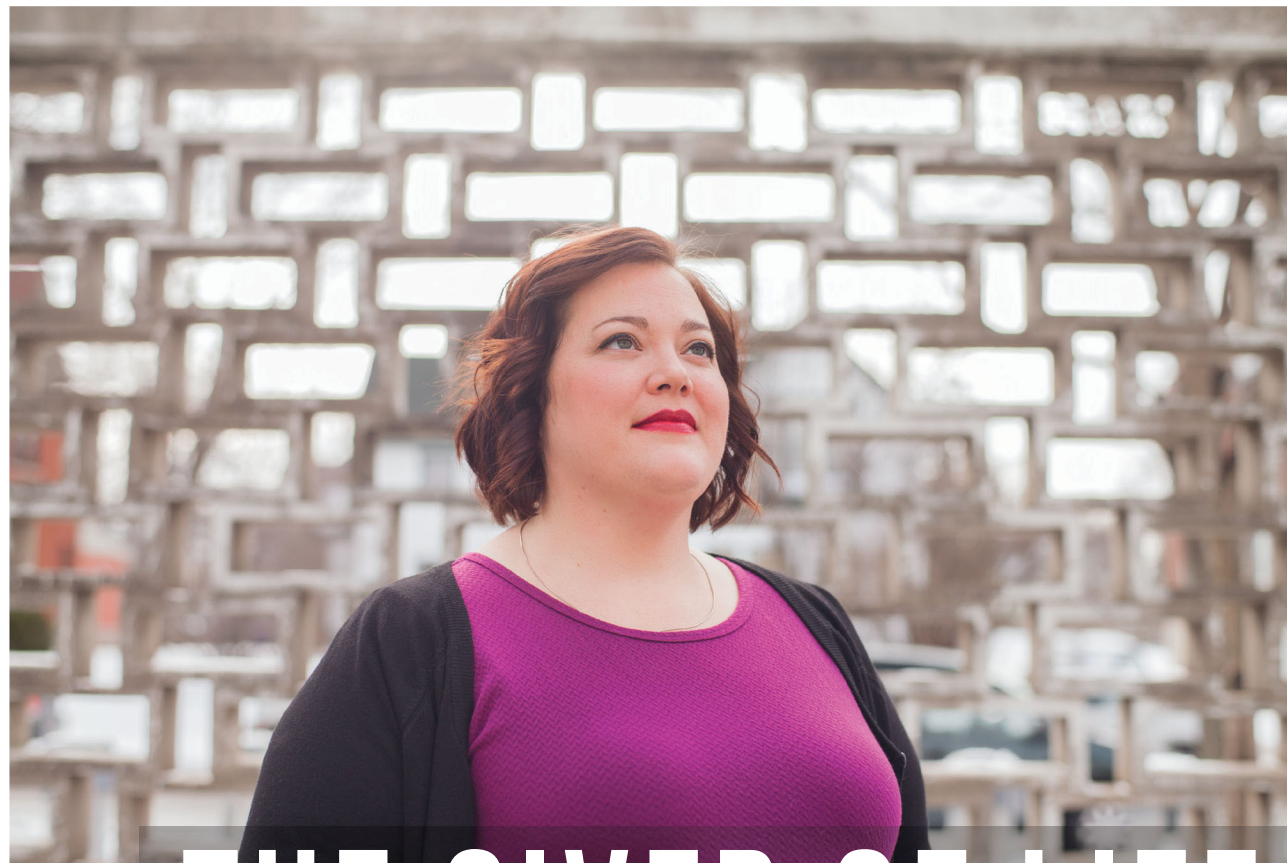
Her other clients are a married couple who both use wheelchairs and require help with housekeeping, eating, and grooming. They have a four-year-old daughter. Without Spika, they would have to live in one of the state's overcrowded hospitals or nursing homes, and probably lose their child.

"When I go over on Sunday mornings and get my two clients ready to go to church, I get to see the smiles, how excited they are to get out of the house and go to church and be a part of the community," Spika says. "I'm not going to have that as a bank teller."

For Spika, the importance of the home care worker is pronounced because her husband, who has been diagnosed with a progressive form of multiple sclerosis, also receives such help. Without it, Spika wouldn't be able to work her two jobs and earn her family's keep.

Tremendous sacrifices come with her career. Spika's employer is the state of Minnesota, and she is compensated through Medicare. Defying the commonly held belief that low-wage jobs are reserved for pimple-faced teenagers, home care workers make just about \$10 an hour without benefits starting out.

Those poverty wages mean there's just



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\$40 left in Spika's checking account when

she fills the fridge, and every month she arranges her bills from first to final warning. Scant time off meant returning to work within days of giving birth to her children. As for taking them on a vacation, she can only dream.

There are times she thinks about finding a better-paying job. Then she's reminded that Minnesota doesn't have enough home care workers as it is to keep from institutionalizing people who, with a bit of

help, could otherwise have a shot at a semi-independent life.

In November 29, Spika blocked an intersection in front of a downtown McDonald's, arm in arm with her clients, the married couple, and other low-wage workers as part of a Fight for 15 national day of action.

Tired of telling people for years about the state's care crisis — and that a job as important as home care should not pay so little — she felt like she had no other

choice. They were promptly arrested, but never charged.

"I want there to be meaning to what I do, and I want to leave this life knowing I made a difference," Spika says. "There have been times when I think I can't do this anymore, I'm going to have to do something else. And when it comes to that point of saying, 'OK, I gotta tell them now,' I can't, because who else is gonna do it?" —SUSAN DU

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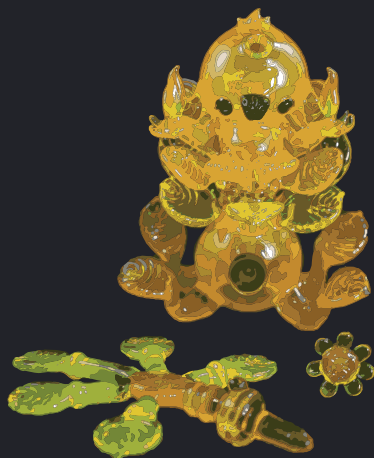
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# JOHN MARTY

**JOHN MARTY DOES** not look like a man of the earth. Prim and bedecked in a bow-tie, he'd look quite at home at a Princeton faculty soiree if he wasn't betrayed by his slight Minnesota accent.

Yet for the next two years, the DFL state senator from Roseville will be manning the ramparts against a stampede on Mother Nature.

Minnesota's wonders are in peril. In one seven-county area in the southwest, farm pollution has left lakes and rivers unsafe for fishing and lethal to thirsty dogs. Parts of the Mississippi are considered too noxious for swimming. A planned mine near the Boundary Waters threatens to leak such toxins that water will have to be monitored for 500 years.

And it's about to get worse.

Last fall's election brought Republican majorities to both houses of the Legislature. The state is now run by people who don't just believe climate change is fake, but view devotion to Mother Nature as somehow emasculating, as if it will cause them to leave their wives and keep house with a nice florist named Rolondo.

John Marty will be standing in their way.

He's the Legislature's preeminent environmentalist, a man of reason, studiousness, facts. He now finds himself in a Senate where such talk is no longer en vogue. Especially when babbling out of a more southerly orifice is so much easier.

"You can't swim on a summer day in the local pond," he says of Minnesota's predicament. "It's too polluted. Slowly we're polluting ourselves to a life our grandchildren are going to have."

Marty thinks most of his colleagues actually care for Mother Nature. It's just that their sugar daddies — business and farm groups and the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce — are willing to sacrifice other people's tomorrows for more expedient profits today. The GOP obeys.

"I don't picture that the Koch brothers think climate change is a hoax," he says. "But it's in their financial interests to act otherwise."

This state of affairs isn't a one-villain act, Marty concedes. The DFL takes equal blame for its limp-wristed grasp of principle.

"We're not as bad as the Republicans," he describes his party's message. "That's a real selling point. Democrats have decided we can't win if we fight for what we believe in, so let's fight for something we don't believe in."

In the meantime, Minnesotans prepare for an assault on everything from water quality to light rail. Marty's been at this for 30 years. He's not about to cede the fight.

"They cut your head off and you get a couple of black eyes in the election, and you get up again. I can guarantee that if you don't try, you'll lose. I'm a hopeful person." —PETE KOTZ

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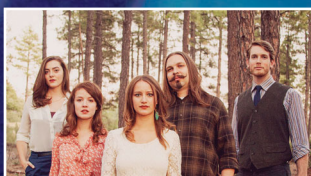
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# FERNANDO SILVA

**FERNANDO SILVA**, raised in southeast Brazil, used to leave school an hour early to get home and start baking bread for his extended family. Then he'd go to work on a neighbor's onion plantation. He was nine.

When he was 12, his grandfather gave him a choice: He could go to the city, get a job and continue school, or he could work on the family farm for the rest of his life.

The choice was clear: Silva went to the city to work and study agronomy.

He landed a job at a Neapolitan pizzeria after having been turned away many times for being too small. He begged, promised to wash bathrooms, floors, anything. They relented. He stayed for four years, renting a room with his 17-year-old uncle ("to me he was very old"), going to school, and visiting the family farm on his one day off.

Agronomy eventually brought Silva to the University of Minnesota. But the restaurant world beckoned. "This is more than making a sandwich. It is a door to many rooms," he says.

After many years, countless restaurants, and 18-hour days running French Meadow Bakery, he finally landed his own place, Harriet Brasserie, where classic bistro and Brazil come together.

Here, his work ethic cranked up to 11. Even one day off a week was too many. Still, on a rare, beautiful day at the park, his good mood got the better of him. He saw a bone marrow registry set up near the lake. He signed up, then forgot all about it.

Eight years later, Be the Match called. "I thought, 'I never signed up for any romantic websites.'"

It took a while for him to understand the mission of the call. A six-year-old girl was in dire need of a bone transplant. By then, Silva and his wife, Kalinka, had a seven-year-old son, Yuri. It didn't take him long to decide.

The procedure would mean multiple trips to Mayo, full physicals, and endless paperwork. He'd have to take time off work.

"But all of that stuff started to become secondary. Here I think I'm trying to run a restaurant and control my outcome, and feel that it's so important. And here's someone who doesn't have a chance of controlling any outcomes."

On the day of the procedure — he jokes

that he finally got a vacation — he approached the hospital. It was empty. He couldn't figure out why.

Then he saw Secret Service. Then he saw the Dalai Lama. Then, something exceptional happened. The Dalai Lama approached Silva, reaching out and straightening his shirt, tucking his hair behind his ear.

"I don't know why, but he came straight to me. Not the woman or the child. He just felt it." The monk gave Silva a pep talk in Chinese, but Silva understood. "It was like my uncle talking to me when I was a kid and I had to go back into the city. He said it was going to be OK. I was doing the right thing. It was really surreal. I felt very good."

The child lived.

Under the rules of such transplants, Silva

was never able to meet the girl, though they share DNA. "If she cuts her hand, and the blood is tested, the first name that would come up is mine."

He's had to return to Mayo for a second, fairly invasive procedure to donate a "boost" of white blood cells. Both procedures were very painful, though he doesn't like discussing it, for fear it would deter others from donating.

"You get so much more out of it than even the person getting [the donation]. It's like a reverse lottery, giving this large amount of prosperity to someone. I think

this is what brings me to Minnesota. You think things like that."

In a strange twist of fate, last month Silva noticed a lump in his lower back. He thought he had pulled a muscle. But an MRI identified a menacing mass. His doctor warned that it could be a tumor.

Silva waited a week and a half while they tested the biopsy. It turned out to be scar tissue from the bone marrow extraction. Completely benign.

He even thinks of that ordeal as a gift. "You become like a new person. Every day is a great day." —MECCA BOS



## THE BIG HEART

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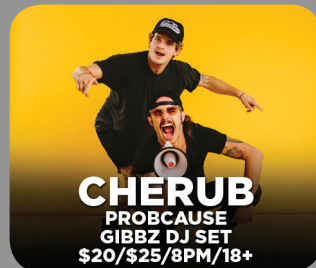
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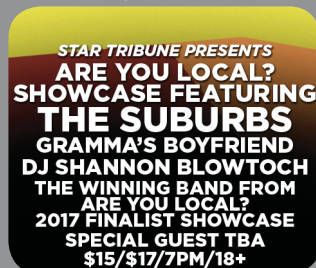
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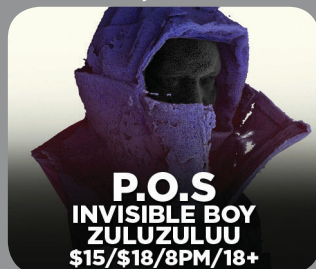
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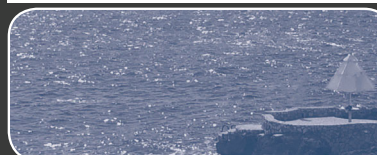
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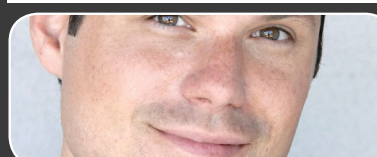
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**SAFETYSUIT**  
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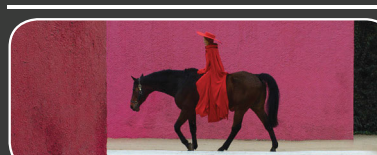
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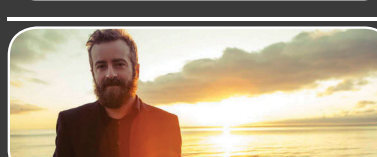
**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16**  
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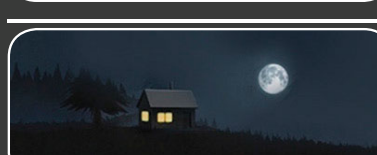
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**LILY & MADELEINE**  
at BRYANT LAKE BOWL  
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89.3 THE CURRENT AND KUMD PRESENT  
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**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23**  
**NOSLEEP PODCAST**  
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- 2/24 **THUNDERCAT** at Fine Line  
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3/05 **DEVENDRA BANHART** at Fine Line  
3/07 **TENNIS** w/ OVERCOATS at Triple Rock  
3/08 **WE THE KINGS** w/ PLAID BRIXX, ASTRO LASSO at Triple Rock



# RAOUL BENAVIDES



COLIN MICHAEL SIMMONS

**RAOUL BENAVIDES** wants to sell you on the idea of community as much as he'd like to sell you some records.

The 44-year-old owner of Flashlight Vinyl in northeast Minneapolis opened the store a year ago in search of a self-described "lifestyle change. I kind of wanted to slow my life down, and give it more structure."

He brought a welcome source of new and used LPs to a neighborhood that was in desperate need of an independent record store. But Benavides is also providing a communal gathering place to bond and forge connections over a shared love of music.

"The whole vinyl upsurge thing is expensive," Benavides admits. "It's so expensive that you might lose the fun if you don't literally make an effort to try and make it accessible to people."

To foster that accessibility, Flashlight is stocked with over 5,000 records priced at \$3.

"I have kids come into the store that want to buy a new record, and I'm like, 'You can buy it, but why not buy 10 \$3 records that you don't know anything about, just based off the cover. You'll have more fun,'" Benavides says. "Record collecting doesn't have to be this fancy, bougie thing meant for other people. I want it to be for everybody. Music is the

connector. You can be from all different walks of life, and everybody knows the first couple licks of a Johnny Cash song. It's a thing that connects people."

The two-story shop has a sleek, intimate look that's more art gallery than dusty store of yore. "I wanted it to be a gallery to showcase things that I consider personally important, but also a gallery of accessibility."

Benavides filled the racks with his own collection of over 4,000 records, as well as hundreds of thousands of albums culled from big collections he purchased throughout the United States.

While Flashlight is still carving out a distinctive niche in Nordeast, Benavides has other ideas. "I would love to do a rock 'n' roll farmers market, where people would sell used guitars and jelly and pastries," he says. "I'd love to do something like that in my parking lot. I haven't got it figured out when, or how, but it's something that excites me. I want to use the record store as a platform to invite other people to share what they do."

"I care about not making vinyl exclusive for only the people who can afford it. That's what worries me about the future of records and record stores. If you price out the fun, you lose the whole thing." —ERIK THOMPSON

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# TO BE SICK IN AMERICA

Luis Guachun came to the U.S. in search of a better life. But the system is failing him.



Karina and Luis, at Sanctuary, where his friend and former co-worker Patrick Atanalian works. The wheelchair the couple just got on Friday is allowing them more mobility.

TONY NELSON

BY MECCA BOS

In November 2015, Luis Gauchun and Karina Valdez were an ordinary young couple, working toward a better life. In their Facebook photos he is handsome and full of youthful, masculine energy; she is gorgeous with long dark hair and a trim, petite figure. They were newly engaged and had their whole lives in front of them. Their favorite thing was to go out dancing.

Karina first made her way to the Twin Cities from Mexico City as an au pair, and then eventually landed a student visa so that she could study early childhood education. She will graduate from college in a year, and hopes to get work as a preschool teacher.

Luis arrived in Minneapolis about 10 years ago from Cuenca, Ecuador, joining family who had already immigrated to the area. He quickly found work, first at Target, then falling into the restaurant industry, as many Ecuadorian immigrants in our cities do. The Ecuadorian and Mexican communities are the silent backbone of our dining scene.

“[Immigrant labor] is what restaurants are based on, and people don’t realize it,” says Patrick Atanalian of Sanctuary restaurant in Minneapolis. He helped get Luis hired at Sapor around 2007. “They come, and say my uncle, my nephew, my cousin needs a job. And then you train them and they become chefs. The work ethic is totally different.”

Luis worked in a number of local

kitchens including Mill City Cafe, Lush, and the now closed Sapor, and most recently with a multinational foodservice company called Compass Group that services factories, schools, hospitals, and sports venues.

But only a month after he and Karina were engaged, Luis started feeling strange. His right hand and arm felt weak, and he was having trouble with everyday activities like taking the cap off of a water bottle. The muscles in his hand seemed atrophied. He made a medical appointment, and after running some tests, the doctor returned with devastating news.

Karina laughs nervously when telling the tale, as though she still has a difficult time believing it. “This doctor says, I

think you have ALS, and if that’s the case, you will live two to five years.”

When she returned home from school that day, she asked Luis how the appointment had gone.

“He said, ‘I don’t even know if I want to tell you.’ And he was holding his tears, and then I started holding mine.”

They went for a second and then a third opinion, but the awful news was the same. Luis had Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), also known as Lou Gehrig’s disease after the baseball great who was afflicted with the illness. The prognosis was that Luis had two to five years to live.

“I hadn’t even heard of ALS except for the ice bucket challenge,” Karina remembers.



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Few of us know more than that. ALS is a degenerative disease of the nervous system, weakening muscles and impacting physical function, eventually spreading to all of the body's muscles including those that control speech, swallowing, and breathing. The disease is rare, affecting fewer than 20,000 people in the United States at any one time, and its onset is most often a mystery, striking patients with no clear identifying cause. Luis is only 30 years old.

The two were married six months after his diagnosis.

"Some people said, 'Are you crazy? Why don't you leave him?'" says Karina. "But we wanted to show how much we love each other." They did it quickly, in a simple ceremony at the courthouse, with only Luis' father and the officiating judge in attendance.

"I just got a regular dress from the store," says Karina. "He didn't want a lot of people there because he said, 'How will I hold hands? How will I hug?'"

When I get Luis on the phone, he is heart-wrenchingly gracious and upbeat, laughing throughout much of our interview, though it's easy to hear the fatigue in his voice. He had to quit his job as a cook in November, because it was becoming too dangerous. He kept falling.

Since then the weakness in his hands has increased, and taking the stairs has become an impossibility. The couple had to move to an apartment with an elevator. Though he can still walk with a walker, it's difficult, and he feels humiliated if people stare at him, so he chooses to stay home most of the time.

"I used to be able to run," he tells me.

"And now I have to rely on my wife for so much."

Meanwhile, because she is currently in the U.S. on a student visa, Karina is not allowed to work. She takes babysitting jobs when she can, but none of her work can be contractual or documented. She also has to remain in school full-time, or her visa can be revoked.

Luis was the sole provider for their household. Now their only source of income is from Karina's retired parents, who still live in Mexico City. It's a hardship for the family, especially since the peso is currently valued at roughly half of a U.S. dollar.

Complicating matters further is the fact that, without a green card, Luis does not qualify for disability assistance.

While some non-citizens may meet all the eligibility criteria for receiving Social Security benefits, many, like Luis, do not. Because some non-citizen students and other workers are exempt from paying Social Security taxes, they are also disqualified from receiving disability benefits, as they do not meet the basic technical criteria to be eligible for Social Security.

Luis is in the application process for a green card. Stressing his dire medical status, he requested the process be expedited, but it was denied. It could take three to six months, maybe longer, for the residency approval to arrive. If it arrives at all.

"Of course, there is no guarantee," says Karina. "None at all."

They say they are also "definitely" concerned about how the incoming administration is going to handle cases like theirs. In the meantime, it is unclear



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## FOOD

how quickly Luis' health will deteriorate. But it will deteriorate.

"My disease is progressing," he assures me. And while he tries to stay positive, it's difficult. "I see the tears in my mother's eyes, and in my wife's eyes."

As things stand, Karina needs to turn on the faucet for him to take a shower, as he doesn't have enough strength in his hands for the motion, and to help him dress and undress. He requires a special tool to lift a fork to his mouth. She worries about him falling when she's at school.

Karina and Luis do have some help from friends and family, but they also have their own lives. Luckily, the couple can get certain equipment on loan from the local ALS Association, such as walkers and wheelchairs, "because they know that eventually you won't need it anymore," Karina explains in a small voice.

Luis and Karina don't like to talk about the facts of the disease much. But they do want to fight it.

Experimental treatments are expensive and many require travel, a near-impossibility for Luis at this point. They tried a holistic doctor that cost them thousands in worthless visits and treatments. Luckily, Luis does receive health insurance from Compass Group, but like most health insurance, it doesn't cover everything. Not by a long shot.

Luis is currently prescribed Riluzole, an expensive drug (about \$10 per tablet) that Luis must take twice daily to hopefully increase his life expectancy by about three months. But the drug can have serious side effects, including liver damage. The doctor visits required to monitor his progress on the medication end up costing them between \$500 and \$1,000 out of pocket for each visit, so Luis has decided to stop going.

He's in pain much of the time with severe cramps and muscle spasms. He doesn't talk about it much, but Karina says she can see it in his face.

Nothing helps with the pain, but medical marijuana helps him sleep. He has a prescription, but that's fully out-of-pocket too. The supplements required to boost his brain and joint function are hundreds of dollars per month.

Luis' work disability benefit doesn't kick in until he has been unable to work for at least six months, several months from now. And even when it does arrive, they've estimated that he'll only receive about \$1,000 monthly.

Like too many people in the U.S., Luis and Karina have turned to Go Fund Me as a dubious safety net for their situation. To date, they've raised about \$3,500. If you wish to donate, you can do so at [gofundme.com/helpLuisfightALS](http://gofundme.com/helpLuisfightALS). 

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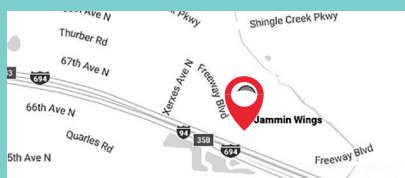
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They're serving an abbreviated Prairie Dogs menu of signatures like Jimmy Two Times Italian sausage (spicy Calabrese pork sausage, sweet peppers, and marinara), locally sourced cheese curds, a Sonora Dog (wrapped in bacon), and of course the Chicago-style, a classically dressed Prairie Dog.

In a bold move away from trend, they're calling this a "meat-centric" menu, and indeed, the only vegetarian options we spotted were a grilled cheese (topped with cheddar curds!) and a handful of very fried appetizers. Bar food like your dad's bar used to make it.

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## WEDNESDAY 2.1

### ART/GALLERY

#### A CATALOG OF DIFFERENCE

HGA GALLERY

Andrew Lucia has practiced residential architecture for over a decade, but his passion lies in more esoteric realms: using computer analysis to seek out the hidden potential of material and form. As the current Cass Gilbert Visiting Assistant Professor in the School of Architecture at the U of M, Lucia has been modeling these aspects of architecture by extrapolating their geometry and textures to create works seemingly straight out of speculative fiction. Light is the basis of his experiments, and gives the works a transcendent luminosity. There will be an opening reception on Wednesday, February 1, from 6 to 8 p.m. Ralph Rapson Hall, University of Minnesota, 89 Church St. SE, Minneapolis; 612-624-7434.

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### COMEDY

#### ALINGON MITRA

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Since we last spoke to comedian Alington Mitra, the Boston native has moved from New York City to L.A. and back again. "I was writing for a couple of TV shows," he says. "So I was in L.A., but I moved back to New York City when I was offered a job on *The Daily Show with Trevor Noah*." Since moving on from that project, Mitra has become focused on standup. "Now that I'm not writing for TV, I think my set has gone back to the way I had worked it before, where anything I think is funny that goes through my head I'll try and turn into material." Mitra is looking forward to being in front of audiences across the country. "I really want to hone my voice through standup, because that's where I feel most comfortable," he states. "I want to build up my skills by getting up as much as I can and performing." 18+. 8 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday; 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. \$15-\$18. 708 N. First St., Minneapolis; 612-338-



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forging an unlikely friendship with the daughter of a nobleman, thwarting the schemes of dastardly pirates, and discovering the secrets of stardust. To conjure the requisite enchantment of the work, Theater Latté Da has secured the always inventive Joel Sass to serve as director alongside the stalwart musical direction of Denise Prosek and the choreography of Carl Flink, artistic direction of the much acclaimed Black Label Movement. Taking flight as Peter is the charismatic Tyler Michaels, supported by an ensemble of nine actors filling more than 100 roles. The show is in previews through February 3. 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays; 2

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### COMEDY

#### PAUL MECURIO

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"I'm walking by a construction site now where they're burying the hopes and dreams of all Americans after the Trump inauguration," comedian Paul Mecurio reports via cellphone from New York City. "They're probably going to change the name to Trump City soon." Mecurio has been traveling less

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—ERICA RIVERA

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these days, as he is busy working on *The Late Show with Stephen Colbert*, where he'll also perform standup on February 10. "It's really cool to be on that stage and that venue where Elvis and the Beatles performed," he says. Mecurio also turns up as a so-called talking head on many cable news shows. "I don't carry the water for either side," he insists, "I'm an issue-by-issue guy. So, I'll go on CNN or Fox News and talk about issues. I try to be practical and logical

about it instead of a staunch ideologue that doesn't want to hear things he doesn't agree with. I think that's always a problem on these shows, and a guy like me should be on those to call people on their BS." 18+; 21+ later shows. 7:30 p.m. Wednesday through Friday; 9:45 p.m. Friday; 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday; 9:30 p.m. Sunday. \$13-\$22. 408 E. Broadway, Mall of America, Bloomington; 952-858-8558. **Through Sunday —P.F. WILSON**

## THURSDAY 2.2

## THEATER

## THE HIGHWAYMEN

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## ART/GALLERY

## LATINO, ART MIGRATION

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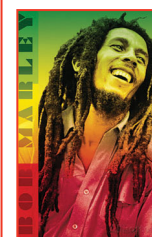


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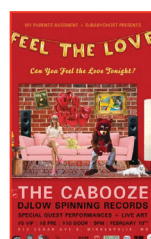
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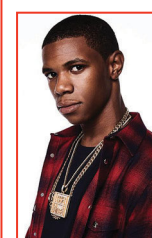
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The art of immigration and acclimation

ANDY RICHTER

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geographical misplacement, safety, and the nostalgia that comes with immigrating. The exhibition shares a diverse range of personal experiences, and reflects on the emotional complexities that go along with being a part of the Latino community. There will be a public reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, February 2. 1301 Marshall Ave., St. Paul; 651-641-8278.

**Through February 24 —SHEILA REGAN**

## FRIDAY 2.3

### COMEDY

#### TOM PAPA

THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF MINNEAPOLIS  
Tom Papa is the preeminent consummate professional of modern comedy. While you might not recognize him initially, the New Jersey-bred standup is a regular at the iconic New York City Comedy Cellar, and has made appearances on the late-night circuit, in Chris Rock's 2014 feature *Top Five*, and in the Liberace-focused HBO film, *Behind the Candelabra*. On the surface, Papa seems uncontroversial — but don't be fooled by his cheery disposition. Beneath his milquetoast veneer lies biting commentary on modern America, and his most recent special, *Human Mule*, is a maelstrom of social observation as coarse and insightful as it is hilarious. Catch Papa at the Woman's Club before he's a household name. 18+. 7 p.m. \$26. 410 Oak Grove St., Minneapolis; 612-813-5300. —RAGHAV MEHTA

### SPORTS

#### CITY OF THE LAKES LOPPET

VARIOUS LOCATIONS

For many outdoor enthusiasts, winter is a special time to partake in activities that can't be enjoyed year-round. Enter the City of the Lakes Loppet, a three-day festival that celebrates winter sports. There are a variety of races to partake in, including snowshoeing, speed skating, ski sprints, and skijoring (aka dog sledding). Or hop on a bike and check out the fat tire races. Events are offered for all ages and skill levels, so whether you're a bit wobbly or a total speedster badass, there's a good fit for you or your little one. Less competitive happenings are slated as well. There's the Luminary Loppet, a lovely nighttime walk/snowshoe/ski around Lake Calhoun and Lake of the Isles featuring glowing ice sculptures, fire dance, and live music in the beer garden. Snow sculpting tournaments are also fun to watch, or root for someone in the kubb tourney, which is a wintertime lawn game played in the snow. Events are free to spectate, with sign-up rates ranging from \$10 to \$130. For a complete schedule of events, times, and locations, visit [www.loppet.org/cityoflakesloppet](http://www.loppet.org/cityoflakesloppet).

**Through Sunday —JESSICA ARMBRUSTER**

### SPORTS

#### CRASHED ICE 2017

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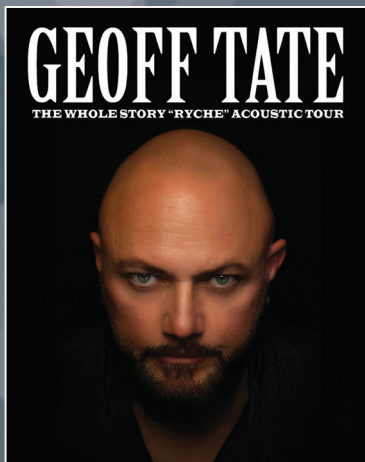
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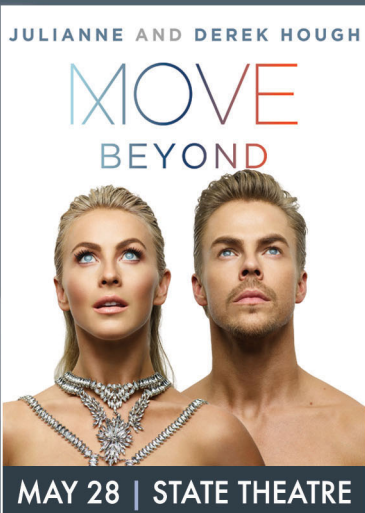
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Crashed Ice is being held in St. Paul. It's an increasingly popular event readily recognized by the visually intimidating track that peaks at the Cathedral of Saint Paul before swiftly descending 12 stories on a precarious surface of sheer ice molded into razor-sharp curves and precipitous jumps. The athletes, drawn from more than 20 countries, brave the 500-meter course four skaters to a heat, jostling for position even as they reach speeds in excess of 50 miles per hour. One of only four host cities in the 2016-17 Crashed Ice season, St. Paul also has the distinction of being home to the reigning World Champion, Cameron Naaz, who secured last year's title with a stunning run against top seeded Scott Croxall. With the two athletes set to square off, the series of heats are certain to be competitively raced. For the 100,000 anticipated spectators, however, such background could easily be forgotten as they marvel at the sight of daredevil athletes executing jaw-dropping maneuvers as they barrel down the track to icebound glory. Look for more info at [www.redbullcrashedice.com](http://www.redbullcrashedice.com). 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday; 5 to 9 p.m. Saturday. Free. 239 Selby Ave., St. Paul. **Through Saturday —BRAD RICHASON**

### ART/GALLERY

#### ALEXA HOROCHOWSKI: VORTEX DRAWINGS

HIGHPOINT CENTER FOR PRINTMAKING  
For Alexa Horochowski's first show at Highpoint Center, the artist is exhibiting a collection of pieces that were made using a wind vortex. To create the drawings, she set up eight barrel fans to simulate the intense

winds that happen in nature, bringing natural and toxic materials together in a swirling eddy. Her laboratory was set up on the third floor of the Soap Factory in southeast Minneapolis. There, she coated a variety of natural and human-made materials with graphite, ink, and oils. See the results, which comment on the impact of humans in natural realms, at the gallery. There will be an opening reception from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Friday, February 3. 912 W. Lake St., Minneapolis; 612-871-1326.

**Through March 25 —SHEILA REGAN**

### COMEDY

#### SHANE TORRES

COMEDY CORNER UNDERGROUND

Portland comedy seems to be in the midst of a golden age, and Shane Torres is one of its most esteemed graduates. Torres, who is headlining three shows at the Comedy Corner Underground Friday and Saturday, recently relocated to New York City, and has made appearances at the prestigious Just For Laughs festival in Montreal and on IFC's *Comedy Bang Bang*. "I was having a Cinnabon, which is a lot like masturbating," he claimed on TBS' *Conan* last spring, "because you hate yourself at the end of either, and the clean-up's the same." With ace joke-writing and impeccable timing, much like his PDX brethren Ian Karmel and Ron Funches, Torres endears audiences with insightful bits about everything from his deceased father's debt collectors to society's bewildering disdain for Guy Fieri. Local standup and Portland transplant Jordan Casner opens. 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 10:15 p.m.

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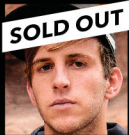
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**BEAR  
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SAT 4/8



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Skyway Theatre  
Saturday, 2/18

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## SATURDAY 2.4

### BEER/FESTIVAL

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Paul; 651-288-4400. —LOREN GREEN

### BARHOPPING/NERDERY

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AMSTERDAM BAR AND HALL

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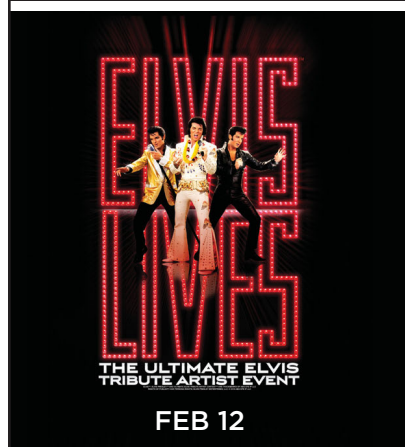
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### ART/FESTIVAL

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## FESTIVAL/PUPS DOGGIE DEPOT

UNION DEPOT

Last week, the Saintry City Cat Show crowned its feline king and queen. This weekend, the reign of pups will begin at the Union Depot. A Canine-King Boreas and Canine-Queen of Snows will be anointed, and will preside over the Saint Paul Winter Carnival. For dogs who prefer to rule their packs rather than the city, family-friendly activities will abound. A doggy fashion show is sure to be ridiculously adorable, and “doga,” a.k.a. dog yoga, is certain to be beneficial to both humans and their fur babies. Shop at the vendor marketplace, chat with canine experts, and meet friendly pooches who are up for adoption. Bring your pup if he's the social and friendly type. For more info, visit [www.uniondepot.org/doggiedepot](http://www.uniondepot.org/doggiedepot). 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free; \$10 for dog yoga class (proceeds benefit animal

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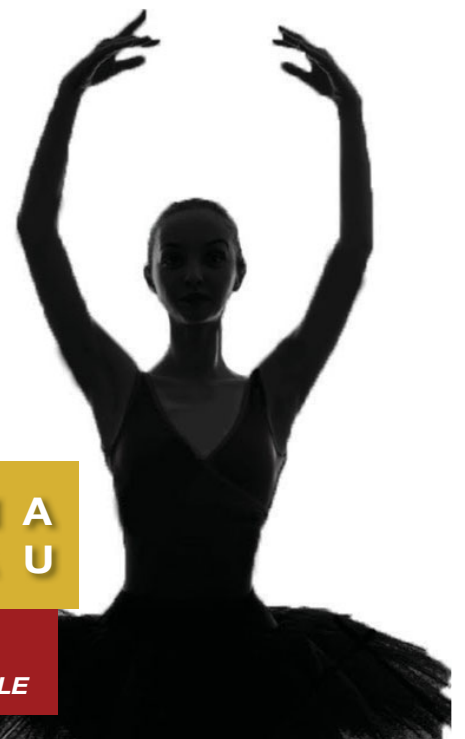


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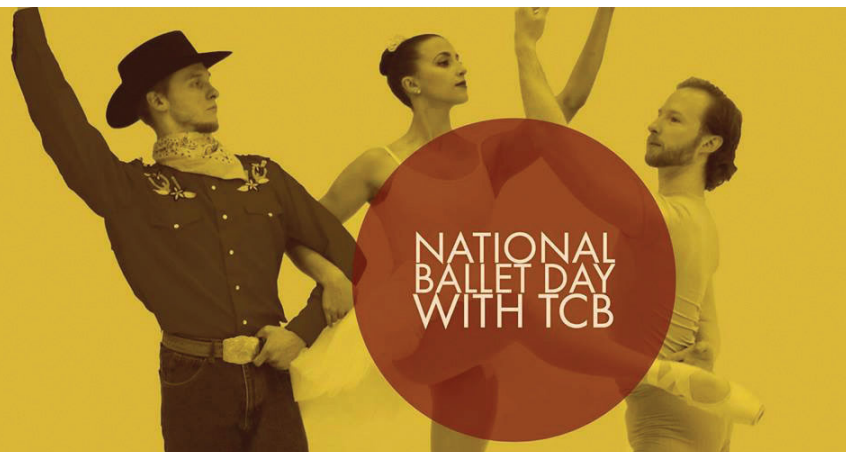
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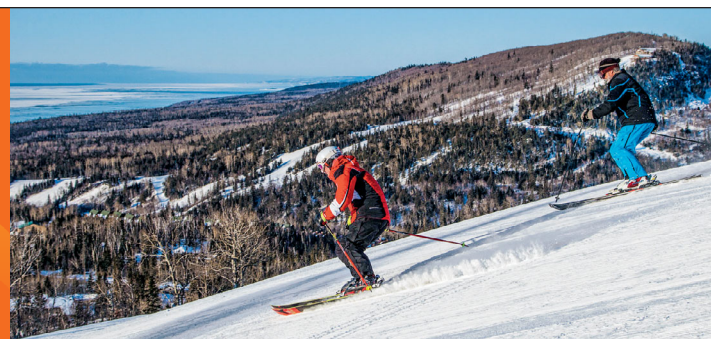
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# MY FATHER THE ZERO

*Toni Erdmann* pranks its way towards something profound



Peter Simonischek  
as Winfried and  
Sandra Hüller as Ines

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BY MICHAEL NORDINE

**Y**ou can't choose your family, but you can choose not to spend time with them.

Or at least you can try: In *Toni Erdmann*, thirtysomething careerist Ines (Sandra Hüller) does her utmost to avoid her semi-estranged prankster of a father (Peter Simonischek), which prompts him to turn her life into an extended practical joke. Winfried travels from their German hometown to his daughter's new home in Bucharest, announcing his arrival by waiting for hours in the lobby of her office just to walk past her with gag-store false teeth.

He then creates an alter ego — the Toni of the title — and approaches Ines and her friends in a bar one night. She pretends not to know him, not to save her father the embarrassment but to save herself;

too much is never enough for him, and variations on this theme repeat for weeks on end.

Maren Ade's film is 162 minutes' worth of proof that Germans do have a sense of humor, which isn't to say that it's a comedy — though frequently hilarious, *Toni Erdmann* slowly morphs from an uncomfortable laugh riot into something more nuanced and involving. It has the premise of a zany sitcom and hits all the familiar plot points, but does so in such a diffuse, roundabout way that you're almost unsure of what you're watching in the moment.

In between those narrative beats, *Toni Erdmann* shows its true, multi-hued colors. Asked by her father whether she's happy, Ines is business casual in her response: "Lots of words buzzing around here: fun, life, happiness," she says curtly. She has little time for his whoopee cushions, less

still for his probing questions, and would likely agree with Annette Bening's *20th Century Women* character when she muses that "wondering if you're happy is a great shortcut to just being depressed."

As is always true in movies of this kind — and, most often, in life — Winfried/Toni's bizarre behavior is born of pain. A recent retiree whose sophomoric sense of humor went over better with his students than it does with his straitlaced daughter and ex-wife, he finds himself with little to do after the death of his beloved dog. In this way, Toni Erdmann becomes the person that Winfried wishes he could be, or at least an aspect of his personality he may not be bold enough to put his name to.

*Toni Erdmann* is nominated for the Academy Award for Best Foreign-Language Film, not that it's likely to win. Ade's film defies easy categorization, which is to say that Hollywood will

## TONI ERDMANN

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probably reward the tasteful Danish drama about World War II instead and remake this one with John C. Reilly a few years from now.

In the meantime, don't be intimidated by the protracted runtime or subtitles. *Toni Erdmann* is hugely entertaining, and like Ade's previous film, the low-key romantic drama *Everyone Else*, insightful about the long-term effects of strained relations between loved ones. As the rift between father and daughter narrows, expands, and narrows again, the two eventually reach out to one another to find their footing on unsteady ground. He might be waiting with a hand buzzer, but at least she knows he'll be there. **B+**





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# AN AMERICAN TUNE

Mu reimagines a classic as a timely take on immigration



RICH RYAN

BY JAY GABLER

The themes of *Flower Drum Song* have always been resonant, but this week the musical became devastatingly poignant. President Trump's sudden and sweeping immigration restrictions provoked an international outcry, just as a St. Paul production united a talented team of Asian-American artists whose joyful performances speak to the bright future that so many have dreamed of finding on U.S. shores.

David Henry Hwang's 2001 rewrite of the 1958 Rodgers and Hammerstein musical is the basis for a new joint production by Park Square Theatre and Mu Performing Arts. Retaining the songs, the lyrics, and the setting, Hwang traded the stereotypes and simplifications of the original book for a sharp new story that mixes romance and comedy with a more realistic exploration of the challenges Chinese immigrants faced in 1950s San Francisco.

Under the direction of Randy Reyes, this *Song* has a warmth and intimacy that makes up for its shortcomings in the razzle-dazzle department. You won't find the booming voices, elaborate sets, and polished sheen

of a large-scale production, but you'll also discover that it's impossible not to fall in love with this appealing cast.

Stephanie Bertumen stars as Mei-Li, a newly arrived immigrant who shows up at a struggling theater where Wang (Sherwin Resurreccion) is presenting traditional Chinese opera to empty houses. His son Ta (Wesley Mouri) wants to expand their racy, more popular shows built around sexy star Linda Low (Meghan Kreidler).

Madame Liang (Katie Bradley), an ambitious talent agent, backs Ta's vision, and soon Wang finds himself running Chinatown's hottest nightclub. Behind the scenes Mei-Li adores Ta, who lusts for Linda. Something's got to give.

Bertumen is positively luminous as Mei-Li, the true believer who provides the story's moral and emotional center. Kreidler and Bradley radiate confidence, glorying in their characters' barbed quips and winking all the way. Eric "Pogi" Sumangil brings spot-on comic timing to the supporting role of Uncle Chin, but Resurreccion underplays Wang and leaves some potential laughs on the table.

Reyes does a nice job of integrating Penelope Freeh's detailed choreogra-

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phy into the dramatic action. Still, big numbers like "Grant Avenue" and "Chop Suey" charm without ever quite achieving showstopper status.

Where this musical shines is in the quieter numbers, for example Bertumen's "I Am Going to Like It Here" and an ironic yet affectionate duet for Resurreccion and Bradley, "Don't Marry Me." The song "A Hundred Million Miracles," which serves as the show's theme, is a moving showcase for Bertumen and a yearning ensemble.

At the show's end, that song builds to a moment when each cast member steps forward in turn and says the name of the city where he or she was born, ranging from the other side of the world to our own Twin Cities. At the conclusion of a story about immigrant hopes and dreams, it's a simple but hugely powerful statement that left many of Sunday's audience members audibly weeping. Rarely does the power of live theater feel so palpable, or so necessary. **C**

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# PAGEANT PUNKS

All-trans Minneapolis band 4th Curtis turn pain into a party on *I Won the Pageant*

BY GRACE THOMAS

When you first meet Lex Noens, frontperson of all-trans indie-pop band 4th Curtis, you're struck by Noens' unencumbered belief in music and identity, plus the avalanche of quips deployed during conversation.

"Lex has a Kanye West sort of confidence," says Jared Hemming, a longtime friend of Noens' and drummer for local band the Florists. "People go to concerts because they want to see someone on stage that believes in themselves."

Queer stories in general, but especially trans narratives, are often presented as tragedies. When I, a trans woman, talk to my loved ones about my identity, their concern for my wellbeing sometimes seems larger than their love for who I am.

Which, I have to admit, makes sense; media portrayals of trans people often involve suicide, homelessness, crime, and general despair. Pop culture has made recent inroads to widen those perspectives, especially with the popularity of TV shows like *Transparent* and *Orange Is the New Black* and films like *Tangerine*. These stories recognize and relish other parts of the trans experience that should be celebrated; they illuminate the joys of being trans, not just the struggles.

Which is why 4th Curtis is so important. The band — quite possibly Minnesota's only all-trans one — will celebrate their debut album, *I Won the Pageant*, on February 26 at 7th St. Entry.

It's a rollicking, rocking, poppy smash of an LP with wry, smirking lyrics like "I know I'm not depressed/Depression is what you get when you're trying" from standout track "Everything's Gone Wrong." Considering the bouncy melodies, you'd expect a song about joyous things like cumming while eating rocky road, not one about life collapsing.

Originally a solo project for Noens, 4th Curtis became a full-on group in October 2015, when they tracked demos at their very first practice.

"We were already kind of good," Noens notes, sounding more pleased with the happy coincidence than braggadocious.

4th Curtis consists of Noens on vocals and guitar, Ty Gale on keys, and Maddie



The members of 4th Curtis chompin' on glow sticks

MISHA ESTRIN

Morley on the drums. The band members say they feel less like a trio and more like a big, extended trans family. A fan once told 4th Curtis that their music prevented them from committing suicide.

"A huge aspect of 4th Curtis is community-building and found family, through radical honesty about gender, disability, mental illness," Gales says. "I think trans people and disabled people are more drawn to that radical honesty. Being honest in that way, in a public forum, when you're trans, when you're disabled, is not necessarily accepted, but it is vital."

Lydia Liza, a friend of the band who will perform at their release show, likens 4th Curtis' sound to current indie-rock

standouts Angel Olsen and Mitski. Liza, who met Noens while they both attended McNally Smith College of Music, says she was blown away by Noens' songwriting ability in class. She thinks *I Won the Pageant* will "raise your empathy for people with these experiences."

Primarily written by Noens, 4th Curtis' lyrics come from a vast collage of experiences. While gender identity is the band's primary influence, Noens also brings the perspective of someone living with a lifelong disability. Noens has a condition known as fibular hemimelia, resulting in a shortened right femur that makes mobility difficult and causes chronic pain. Noens says medical treatments haven't helped.

"Disability is much harder for people to notice, so you don't get a lot of the same hate you get for being trans," Noens says. "But there are a lot more subtle struggles. When you're disabled it's a lot harder to sugarcoat stuff. Your relationship with sex changes, your relationship with everything changes."

Noens & Co. say their shared cynicism makes their songs better, and maybe counterintuitively adds some more zing.

"It's a lot easier to be a pessimist," Noens says. "When you accept [your disability], I seriously feel like you have the world figured out, because the one thing I'll never have is physical comfort, and everyone else is trying to find this big, scary reason for living."

For 4th Curtis, *I Won the Pageant* is about celebrating the pain and toil they experience as marginalized people in society.

"We started writing all these songs that were really bitter, but also they sound almost celebratory," Noens says. "*I Won the Pageant* is about someone poised to be in power, but isn't yet recognized."

The album was written after the death of Noens' grandmother, who apparently won the Miss Virginia pageant many years ago, but decided to abdicate her throne and marry her sweetheart instead. Her story of choosing between her sash and her husband inspired much of the album.

Current events also deeply informed the LP. Gale emailed every band 4th Curtis had ever played with after Donald Trump was elected president in November. The email's message? Resiliency and resistance through nonstop giggling.

"A lot of the songwriting process for 4th Curtis is fueled by spite," Gale says. "If we can crystalize that anger, that's what we're trying to do. What we make is something more sparkly."

The beauty in their songs is kind of fake, Noens says, because it rests on that anger and discontentment.

"It reminds me of fake gems, like something made out of aluminum foil, it sparkles just like the real thing, but in the end..." Noens trails off.

"It's just garbage," Gale adds.

They laugh, hopefully because they know what they're doing isn't trash. It certainly sounds like treasure. **CD**





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### ROMANTICA

FITZGERALD THEATER, SATURDAY 10.4  
We haven't heard from Romantica in a while. The local Americana band's last album, *Control Alt Country Delete*, dates all the way back to 2009. But this Saturday, the many-membered group will release *Shadowlands*, a dreamy, 14-track album recorded over two weeks in a barn in southern Minnesota. Irish expat, frontman, and songwriter Ben Kyle breathes new life into Romantica with contemplative lyrics and velvety vocals while Tony Zaccardi (bass), Danger Dave Strahan (guitar), Ryan Lovan (drums), Aaron Fabbri (pedal steel, dobro), Jay-anthi Kyle (backing vocals), and Peter Schimke-McCabe (piano) create lush sonic layers. "That's what I wanted to remind myself [of]: to listen to my heart and not be so easily swayed by culture," Kyle tells City Pages of the songwriting approach on *Shadowlands*. "It's particularly relevant with our current political climate." The band promises "special guests" for Saturday's release party at the Fitz. 8 p.m. \$22-\$45. 10 E. Exchange St., St. Paul; 651-290-1200. —ERICA RIVERA

### LADYSMITH BLACK MAMBAZO

STATE THEATRE, SATURDAY 2.4  
Ladysmith Black Mambazo's first new studio album in five years, *Walking in the Footsteps of Our Fathers*, marks a generational shift, both in the veteran a cappella band and their native South Africa. As the title indicates, the group are moving ahead while honoring the elders who paved the way: In the song "Vulani Amasango," they honor those who sang with LBM over the last half-century, specifically founder Joseph Shabalala; in "Long Walk to Freedom," they celebrate the people who struggled for apartheid-free S.A., specifically Nelson Mandela. Shabalala still records with the group, though his sons Msizi, Thulani, Sibongiseni, and Thamsanqa carry on his legacy live. Joseph derived LBM's exquisite vocal harmonies from isicathamiya, traditional music by black miners. Already well-known in S.A., the group's music spread around the world when Paul Simon asked them to sing on 1986's *Graceland*. New versions of two of those songs — "Diamonds on the Soles of Her Shoes" and "Homeless" — appear on *Walking*, which recently received the group's 17th Grammy nomination; LBM has won four. As uplifting as the harmonies, other themes discuss freedom, equality, love, and optimism. 8 p.m. \$25-\$49.50. 805 Hennepin Ave., Minneapolis; 612-339-7007. —RICK MASON

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**Dan Savage**

**I** write you from Italy, where I follow you through Internazionale. I am a guy in his 30s sexually paralyzed with his girlfriend. We are together four years, and during the last year sex has gradually faded away, leaving me alone with my skillful hand (left one). The sexual paralysis is beginning to affect our behaviors. We don't accept each other anymore. We are starting to mutually ignore. Verbal communication is poor. However, we are exceptional friends. I am good-looking, sociable, fit, and with plenty of semen. Girls are quite interested, but I don't want to cheat. I don't believe in monogamy, but my girlfriend could never tolerate betrayal. What the fuck to do?

LITERALLY OUTTA ORDER PENIS

**Sometimes a relationship** dies but we insist on propping the body up in a corner, LOOP, and pretending it's still alive. We do this because even if the relationship is dead, our partner isn't. And we can't declare the thing dead—we can't break the fuck up already—without hurting someone we used to have romantic feelings for and may still very much like as a person. So we tiptoe around the decomposing corpse until the stench can't be ignored any longer.

This relationship is dead, LOOP: You no longer accept each other, you ignore each other, and the sex dried up a year ago. On top of all that, LOOP, you don't believe in monogamy and she can't tolerate betrayals. Even if your relationship weren't dead—and if it isn't dead, LOOP, it's so close you need to slap a Do Not Resuscitate order on its chart—you two aren't a match. End the relationship, do your best to salvage the exceptional friendship, and stop letting all that semen go to waste.

*English is not my mother tongue. Bear with me. I'm bisexual, age 26—I always knew I was, but like many bi girls I ended up with guys. I had a long, serious relationship with a man when I was young and only started exploring my sexuality after I found the guts to leave him. Then I fell in love with a girl. She's a lesbian, and after a long and hard-fought chase, I finally got her. It's been two months, I came out to my parents (whom I live with, adults living at home is acceptable in my culture, don't*

*judge), and they did not exactly welcome the news. But all would seem to be going well: I love a girl, she loves me, my parents let us be. Problem is, I want cock. I want a man to grab me and have sex with me. I've had the chance to do it and didn't, because I wanted to respect the exclusivity of my relationship. My girlfriend knows about my doubts but says they are part of "questioning my non-heterosexuality." I don't want to leave her, because she's my princess and my goddess, and I want to adore her for eternity. But I worry about bad judgment and impulses. Where do I go from here?*

WANTING A DICK

**Those aren't** doubts, WAD. They're desires. You know what you want: You want your girlfriend, you want cock, you want a man to grab you, and you want to continue questioning—and shaping and defining—your non-heterosexuality. The problem, WAD, isn't that you don't know what you want, it's that you don't know how to fuse all these wants into a coherent identity. (Possible answer: "bisexual, lesbo-amorous, likely non-monogamous.")

There are plenty of options you and your girlfriend can explore, together or separately. Get a fake cock and use it together. If that doesn't slake your hunger for cock, maybe your girlfriend would be up for a threesome. If she's not DTFAGWY (down to fuck a guy with you), discuss whether an open relationship is a possibility down the road.

That said, WAD, you and the Princess Goddess you worked so hard to land have only been together two months. If you're wrecked over your need for cock at this early stage—if you're not able to focus on her alone at eight weeks—maybe sexual exclusivity isn't the right choice for you.

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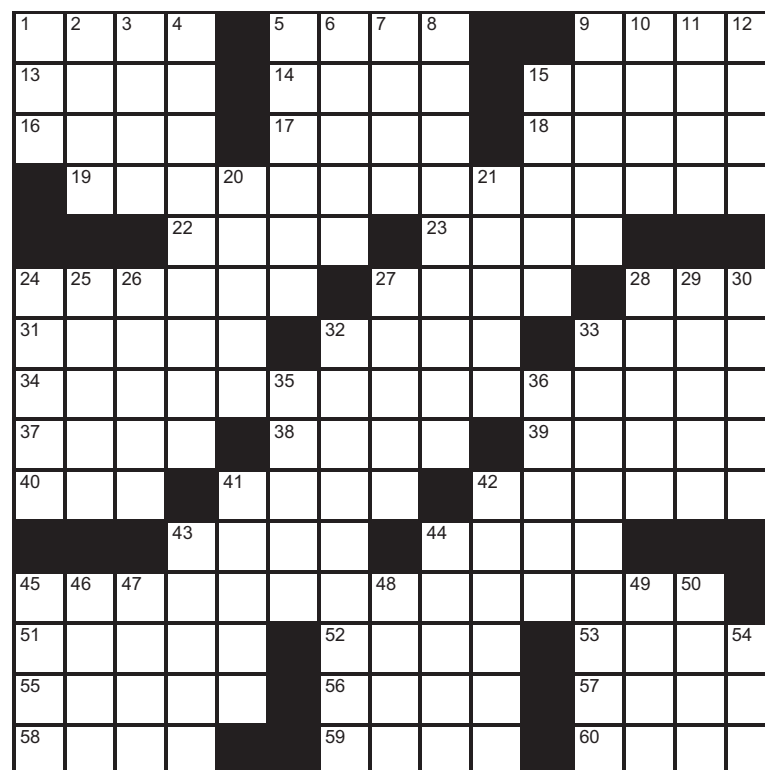
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#### Across

- 1 Lettuce variety
- 5 Biting menaces
- 9 One with highbrow tastes, probably
- 13 Actress Seehorn of "Better Call Saul"
- 14 Penthouse feature
- 15 "Moi?"
- 16 Engine's sound
- 17 Lab burner
- 18 Order some GrubHub, say
- 19 Irving Berlin song about a President sharing his thoughts about a hotel?
- 22 Floor
- 23 "Ready for a hot \_\_\_\_?"
- 24 Military movement
- 27 Code Red and Kickstart soft drinks, for short
- 28 Office export, often
- 31 Stage name
- 32 Not as convincing
- 33 Third base
- 34 Fine Young Cannibals song about how a President is annoying?
- 37 No longer thinking about
- 38 Tattoos
- 39 Like some cereals
- 40 Castlevania game platform
- 41 Matt Ryan stat: Abbr.
- 42 Explorer Shackleton
- 43 Travel guide listings
- 44 Force felt on Earth, briefly
- 45 Beastie Boys song about

causing self-doubt in a President?

- 51 \_\_\_\_ space
- 52 Hard-to-ignore feeling
- 53 New Mexican art colony/ski spot
- 55 Root beer treat
- 56 Rasputin's ruler
- 57 Greased rod
- 58 Range that includes peaks known as the "four-thousanders"
- 59 Film scorer Zimmer
- 60 Knight's company

#### Down

- 1 Reaction to the cold
- 2 Philly Cheese Steak Stacker restaurant
- 3 Loverboy
- 4 Winner of the first two Super Bowl MVPs
- 5 Thoroughfare
- 6 Warm, as the bench
- 7 "Milk" Oscar winner
- 8 Emergency units
- 9 Facebook action
- 10 "It was somebody else"
- 11 Leave off
- 12 Mercedes \_\_\_\_
- 15 Payroll periods
- 20 Grammatically correct introduction
- 21 "Boyhood" actor Ethan
- 24 Old German
- 25 Martini garnish

- 26 Amusement park features
- 27 Work stations
- 28 Babble
- 29 Stuns
- 30 Hustler founder
- 32 Got worse
- 33 Fist-walking simian
- 35 Drummer Appice
- 36 Apple gizmo
- 41 Doing nothing
- 42 Does some journal writing
- 43 Stores that sell meatballs
- 44 Keytar cousin
- 45 Waiting room piece
- 46 Ship shape?
- 47 Above
- 48 \_\_\_\_ Major
- 49 Longish skirt
- 50 President who increased the U.S.'s size by a third
- 54 "Got me?"

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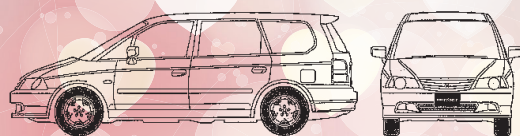
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